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FOREWORD

The 24 ranch house plans in this book were selected not only because of their popularity in the House of the Week series, but because they represent a cross-section of styles and sizes to fit all types of budgets.

There are small ranches, medium ranches and large ranches . . . traditional, modern and ultra-modern . . . rectangular, U-shaped and Y-shaped. Yet all have one thing in common—an integrity of design. The architects have succeeded in fulfilling their aim of providing attractive living quarters without sacrificing comfort. Good circulation patterns, so often ignored years ago even in expensive houses, are basic in these designs.

No matter what your taste or the size of your pocketbook, you are sure to find one or more houses to please you in the pages ahead.

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House designs by the following architects are represented in this book:

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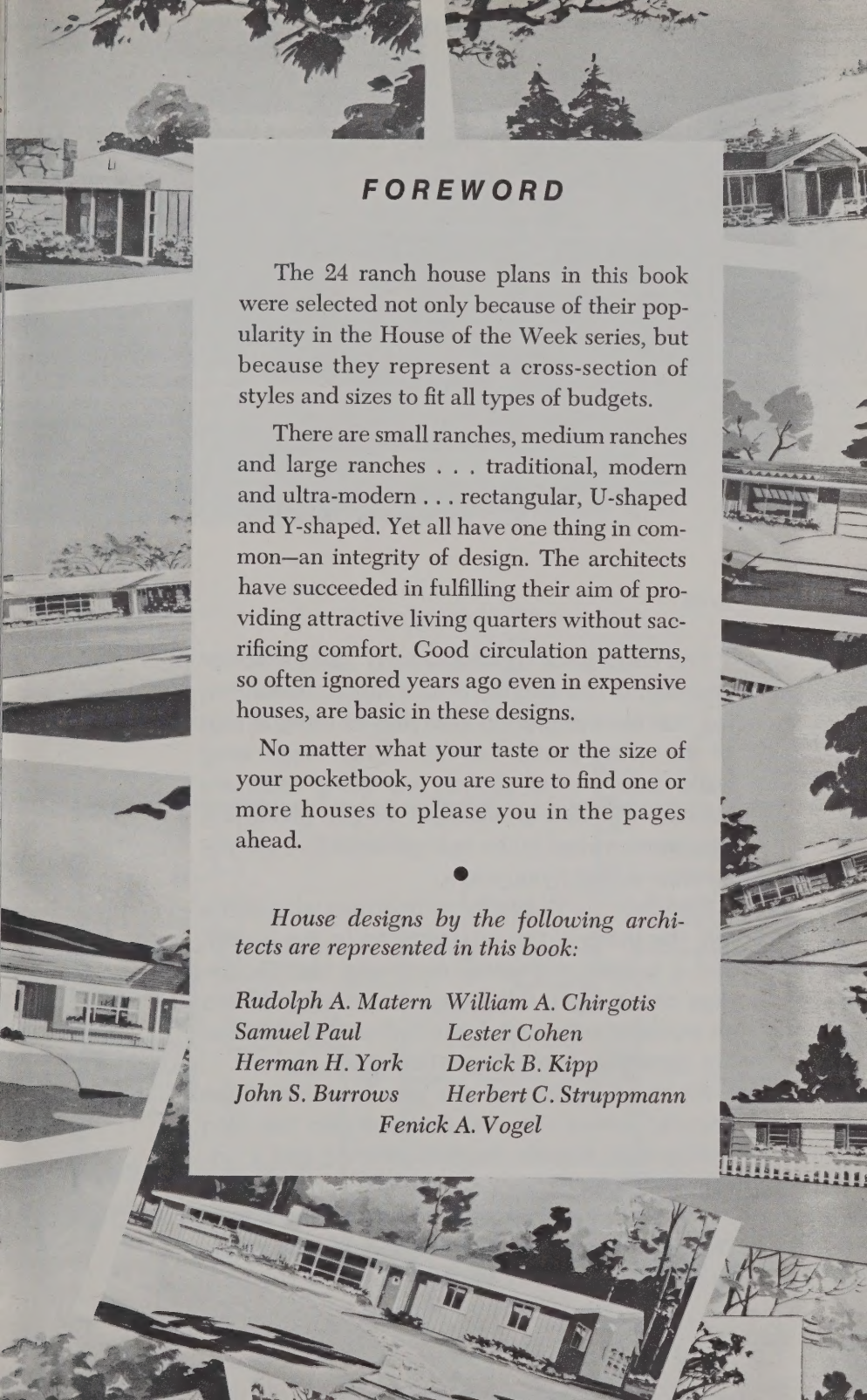
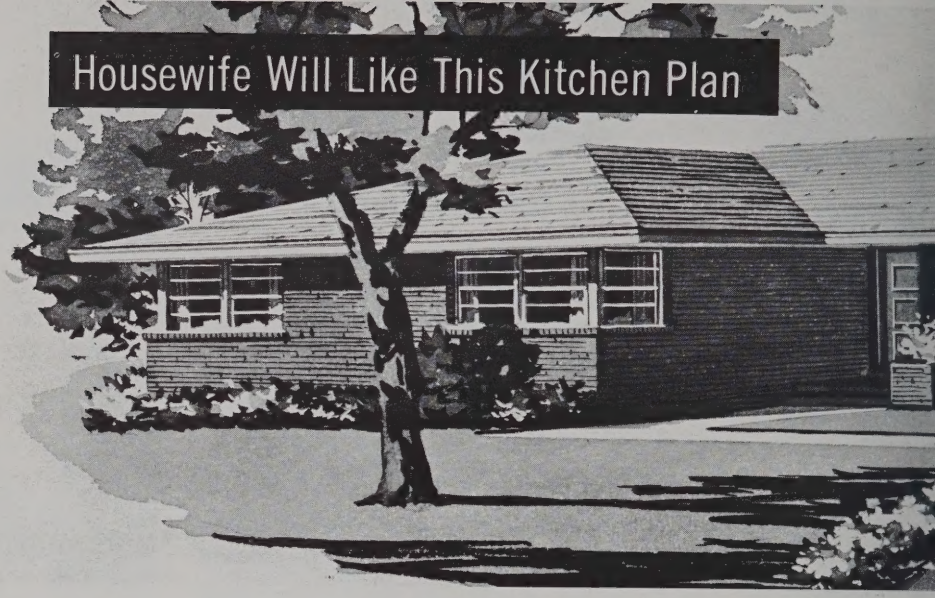


Housewife Will Like This Kitchen Plan



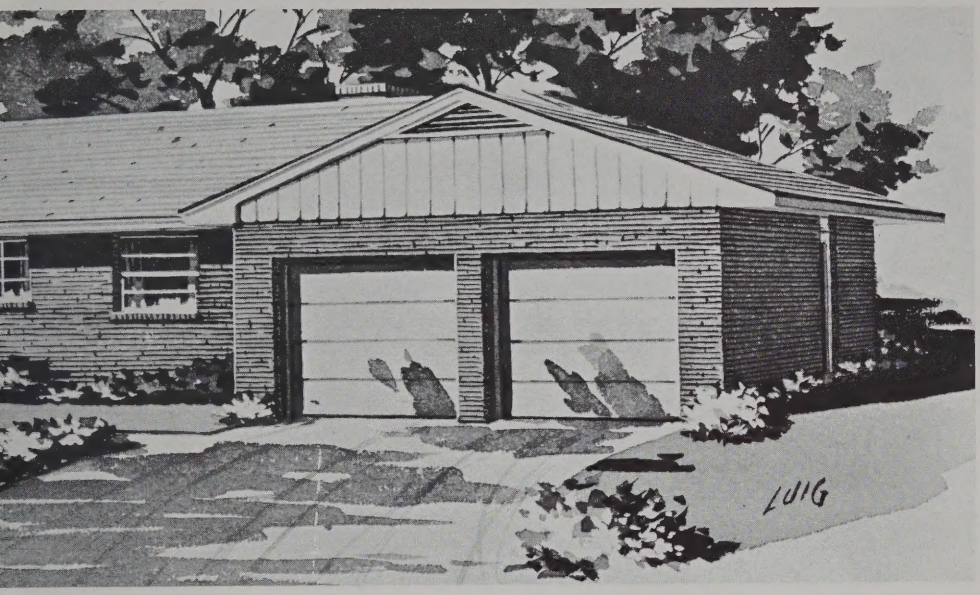
X-19

The concept of "open planning" get particular attention in the kitchen of this ranch, transforming that food-preparing area into an integral part of the living portion of the house. Separating walls between the kitchen and living room are paneled in wood at wainscot height, giving the housewife a view of the rear gardens through the window-walled living room.

The floor plan has a three-bedroom wing at the left, the living-dining-kitchen area in the center, and a sunken recreation room and two-car garage on the right. A fireplace which extends into an outdoor grille and a window wall at the rear are highlights of the recreation room.

All three bedrooms are cross-ventilated, an unusual feature. The master bedroom has twin sliding door closets, built-in shelving and a private bath with vanity and stall shower.

The main living areas have 1688 square feet. The recreation room has 319 square feet. Overall dimensions are 72′10″ by 39′.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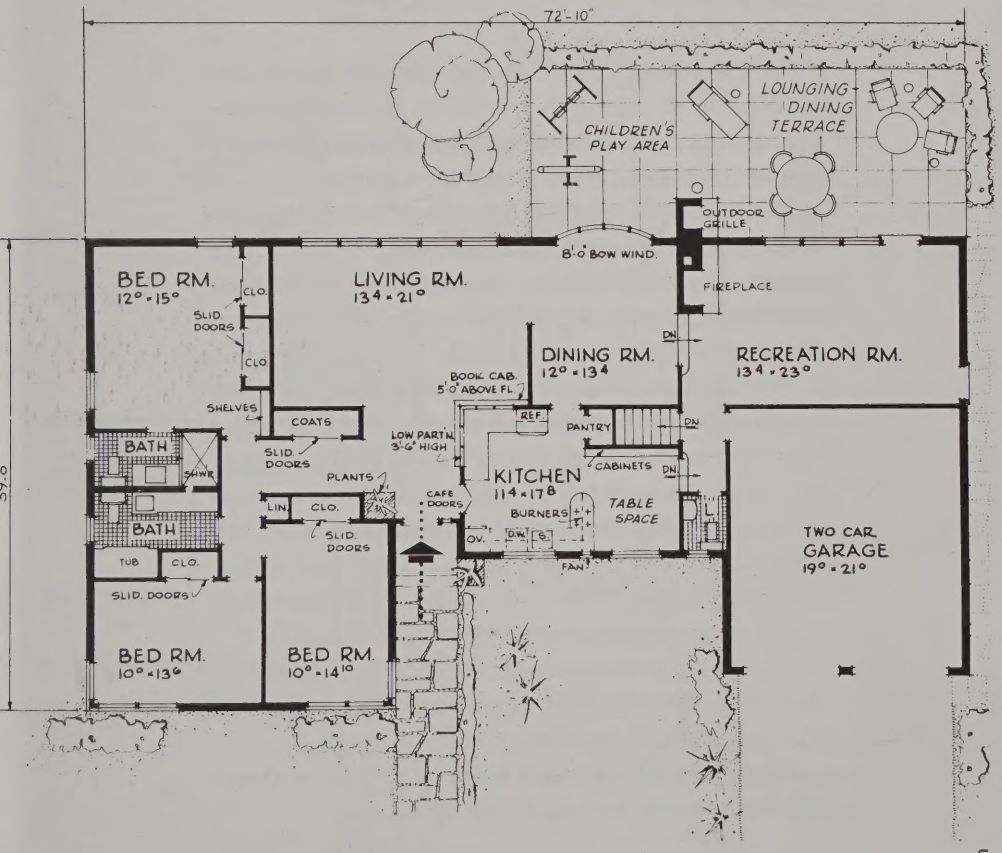
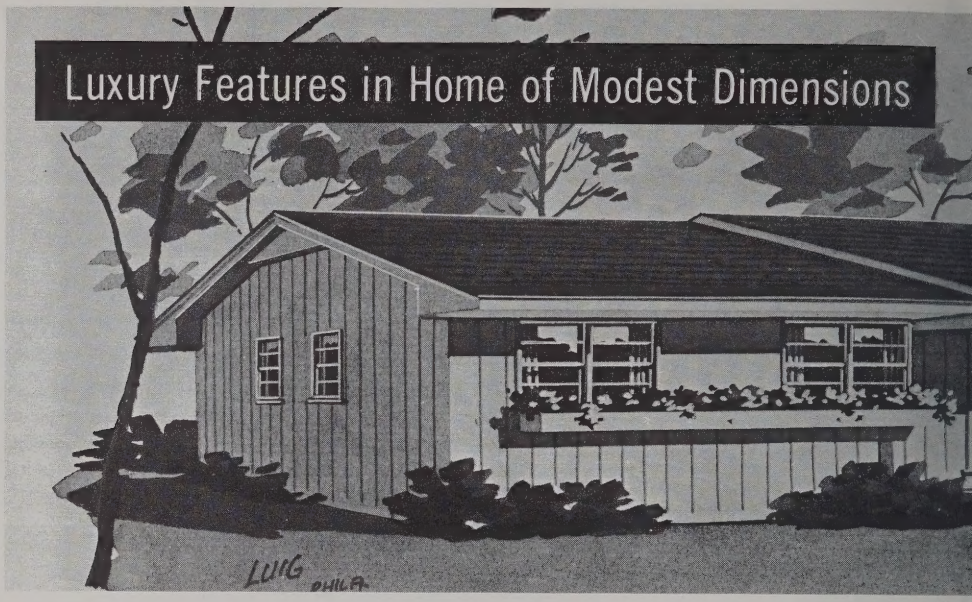

72'-10"
CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
LOUNGING DINING TERRACE
OUTDOOR GRILLE
8'-0" BOW WIND.
FIREPLACE
BED RM. 12'-0" x 15'-0"
CLO.
SLID. DOORS
CLO.
LIVING RM. 13'-4" x 21'-0"
DN
DINING RM. 12'-0" x 13'-4
RECREATION RM. 13'-4" x 23'-0"
BOOK CAB. 5'-0" ABOVE FL.
SHELVES
COATS
SLID. DOORS
LOW PART'N 3'-6" HIGH
REF.
PANTRY
DN
BATH
SHWR
PLANTS
CAFE DOORS
KITCHEN 11'-4" x 17'-8"
CABINETS
DN
BATH
LIN.
CLO.
SLID. DOORS
BURNERS
TABLE SPACE
OV.
DW.
S.
FAN
TUB
CLO.
SLID. DOORS
TWO CAR GARAGE 19'-0" x 21'-0"
BED RM. 10'-0" x 13'-6"
BED RM. 10'-0" x 14'-10"
39'-0

Luxury Features in Home of Modest Dimensions



B-85

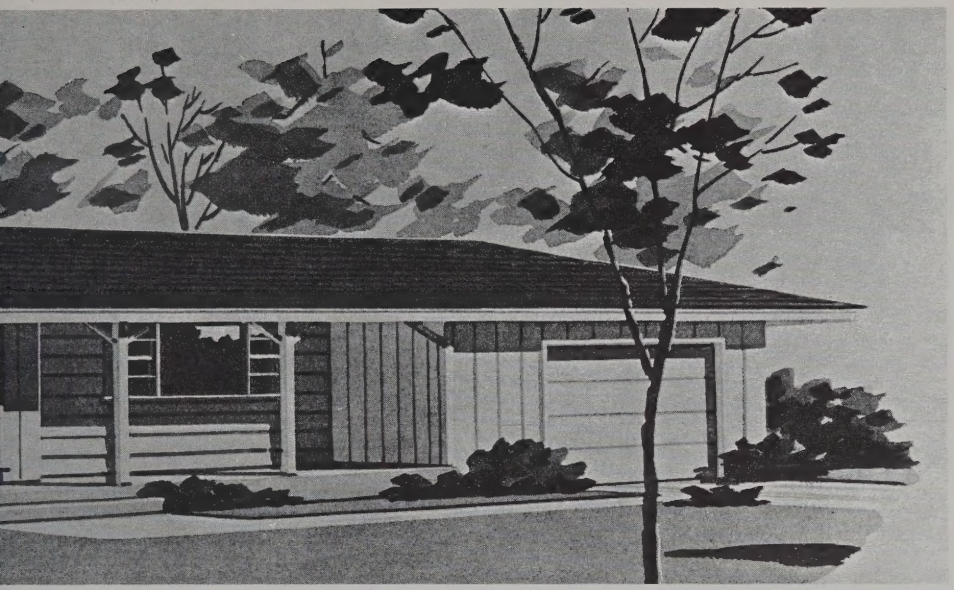
All the necessities a modern family needs are incorporated into this house of modest dimensions, plus a number of bonus features ordinarily found in larger, more expensive homes.

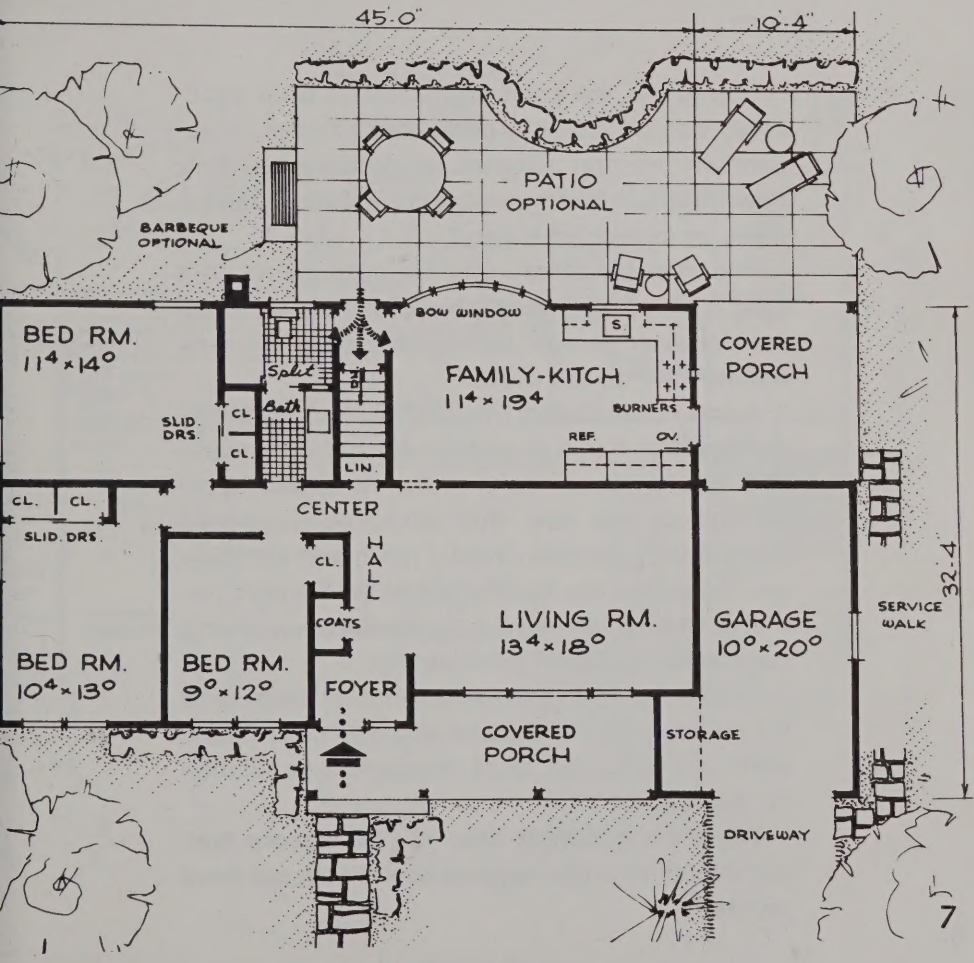
The exterior catches the eye at once. Its covered porch, long flower box emphasizing the width, and its pleasing combination of vertical and horizontal siding all add up to what housing developers call "curb appeal."

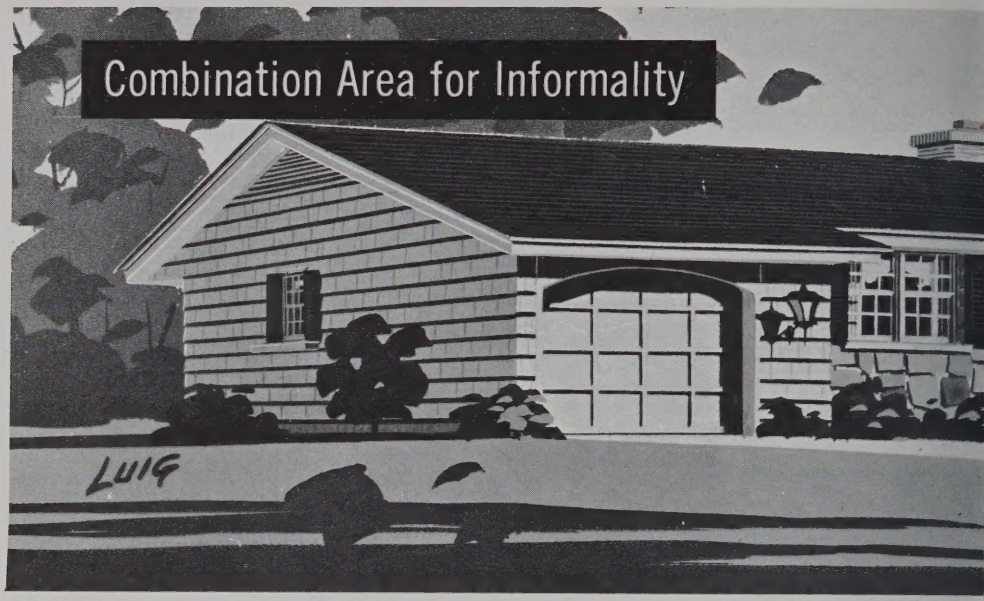
An excellent interior plan makes maximum use of every inch of space. An example of this is the split bath, accessible from literally every room in the house as well as the rear patio. There are two entrances, and the vanity is separated from the bathtub area by a sliding door. A foyer and center hall divide the three bedrooms from the living room and combination family room-kitchen.

There are sheltered entrances at both the front and rear. And the rear covered porch, in back of the garage, can be screened if desired.

There are 1211 square feet of living area. Overall dimensions are 55′4″ by 32′4″.




45'-0"
10'-4"
PATIO
OPTIONAL
BARBEQUE
OPTIONAL
BOW WINDOW
S
BED RM.
11⁴ x 14⁰
Split
Bath
CL.
CL.
SLID.
DRS.
LIN.
FAMILY-KITCH.
11⁴ x 19⁴
BURNERS
REF.
OV.
COVERED
PORCH
CL.
CL.
SLID. DRS.
CENTER
HALL
CL.
COATS
LIVING RM.
13⁴ x 18⁰
GARAGE
10⁰ x 20⁰
SERVICE
WALK
32'-4"
BED RM.
10⁴ x 13⁰
BED RM.
9⁰ x 12⁰
FOYER
COVERED
PORCH
STORAGE
DRIVEWAY



H-70

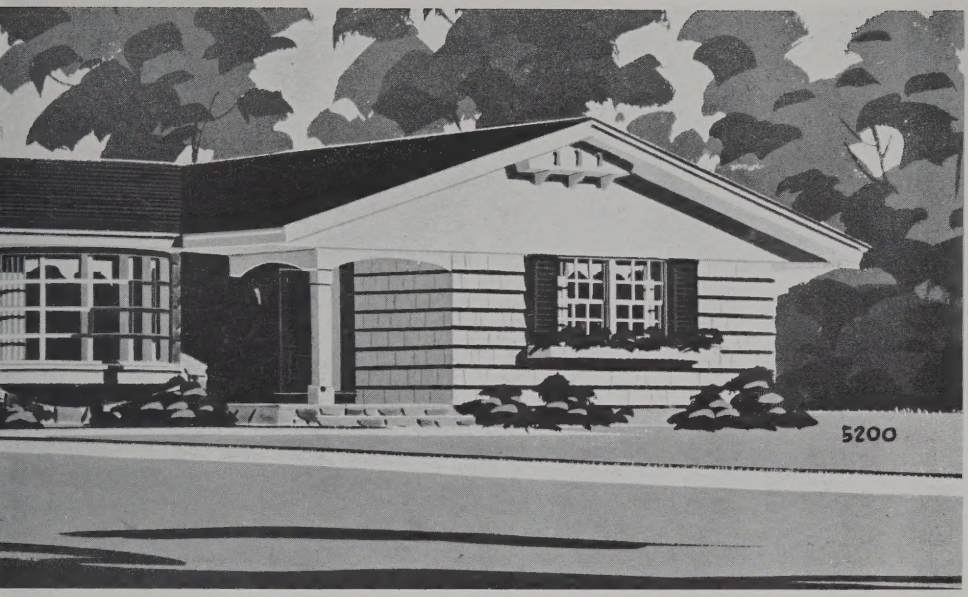
Comfort is the chief ingredient in what accurately can be called a good, small house. A delightfully inviting exterior is combined with a down-to-earth floor plan to supply every requirement for comfortable living.

The over-all dimensions are 46′8″ by 33′. If a little more space is available, plans are included for a one-car garage, laundry and extra lavatory, adding 12′4″ to the width.

A snack bar divides the kitchen from the family room, which has a fireplace with a raised hearth and sliding glass doors to the terrace. It's not difficult to see how this attractively-designed combination—kitchen, family room and terrace—could become the focal point of the family's formal activities, leaving the living room and dining room free for formal entertaining.

Triangular rather than rectangular louvers at the gable ends of the house add a bit of aesthetic value and afford an extra measure of ventilation for the roof.

There's a habitable area of 1267 square feet, not including a rear terrace and a covered front porch.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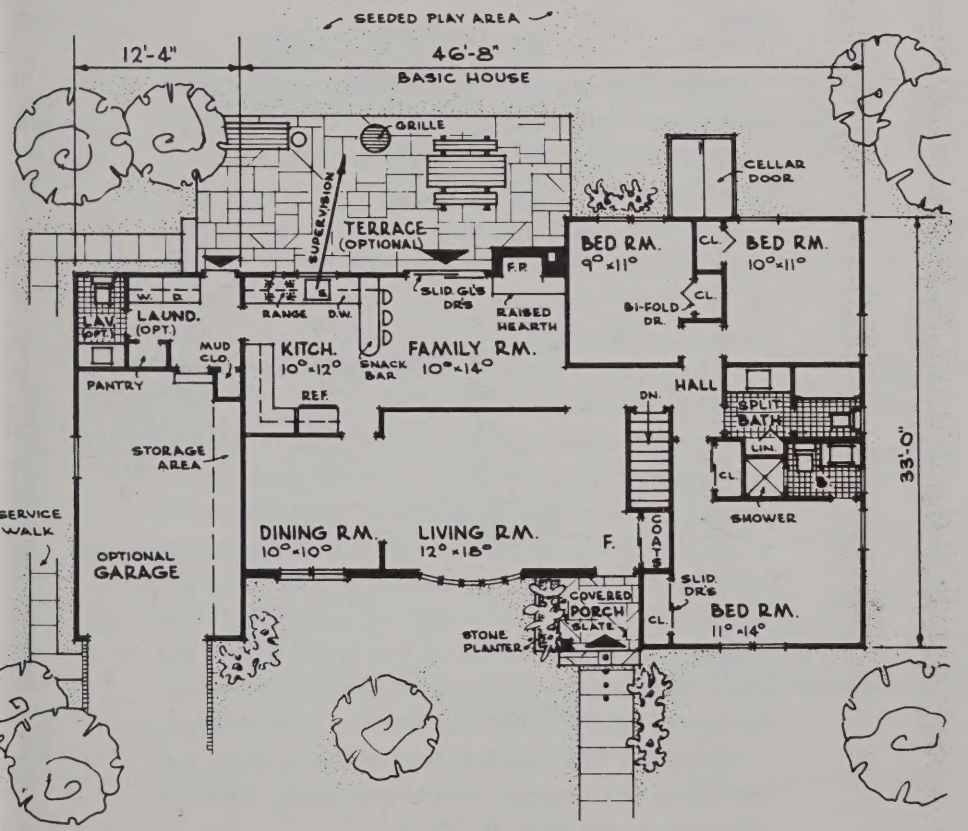
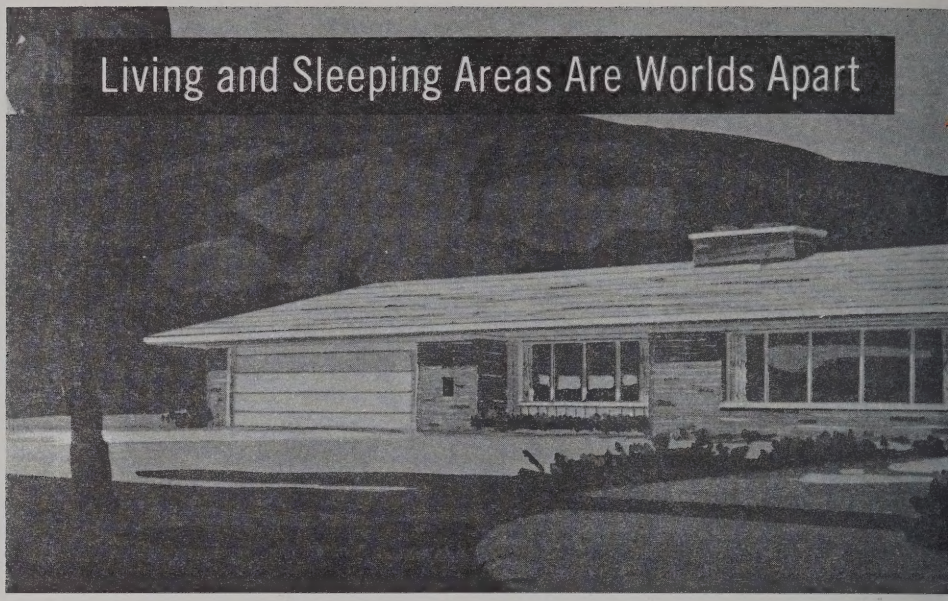

SEEDED PLAY AREA
12'-4"
46'-8"
BASIC HOUSE
GRILLE
CELLAR DOOR
TERRACE (OPTIONAL)
SUPERVISION
BED RM. 9°×11°
CL.
BED RM. 10°×11°
F.P.
SLID. GL'S DR'S
RAISED HEARTH
BI-FOLD DR.
CL.
W. D.
LAV. (OPT.)
LAUND. (OPT.)
RANGE
D.W.
MUD CLO.
KITCH. 10°×12°
SNACK BAR
FAMILY R.M. 10°×14°
PANTRY
REF.
DN.
HALL
SPLIT BATH
LIN.
CL.
SHOWER
STORAGE AREA
SERVICE WALK
DINING R.M. 10°×10°
LIVING R.M. 12°×18°
F.
COATS
OPTIONAL GARAGE
SLID. DR'S
COVERED PORCH SLATE
BED RM. 11°×14°
CL.
STONE PLANTER
33'-0"



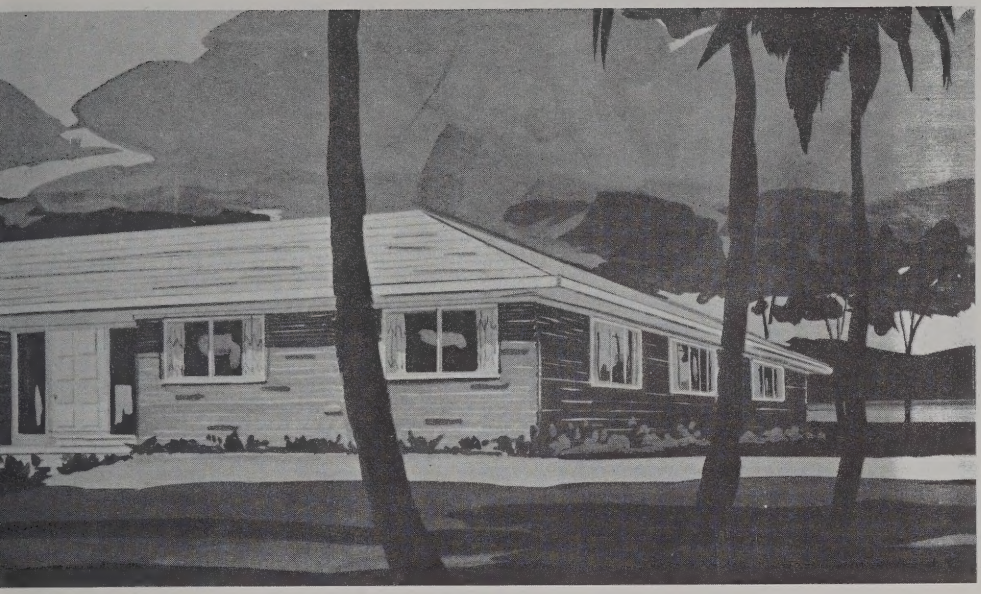
H-43

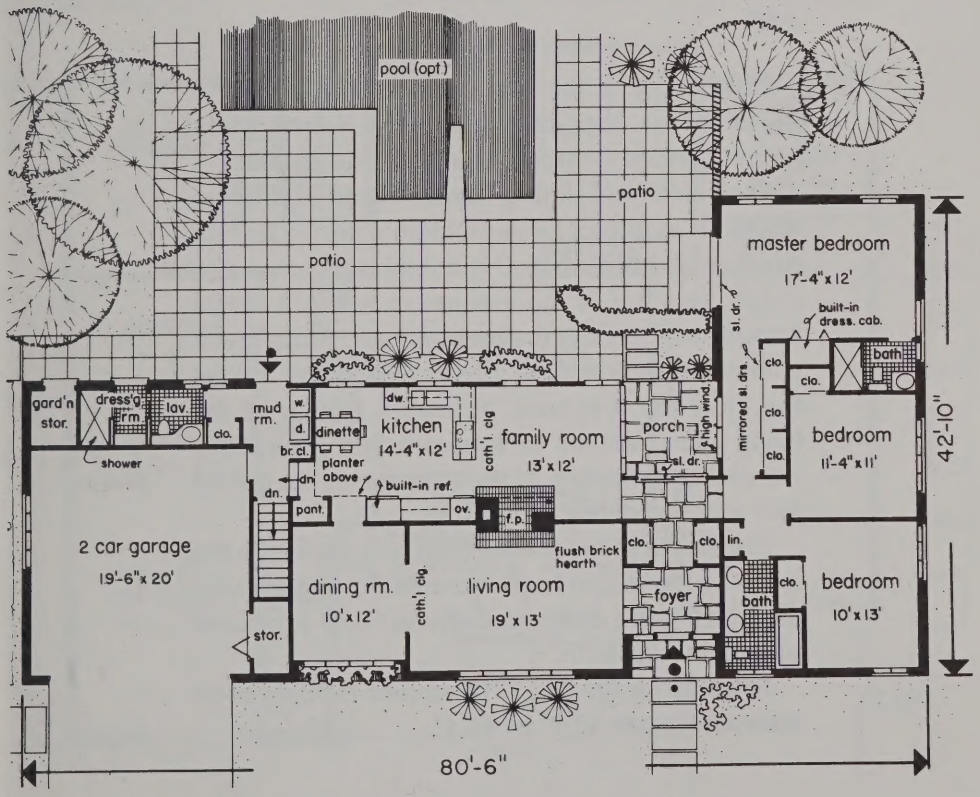
Distinct zoning is a characteristic of modern residential architecture. The family of today wants clear definitions between the living and sleeping quarters of its house.

Here is a contemporary which accomplishes this desirable objective in an interesting as well as practical manner. The flagstone entrance foyer flows through from the front door to a covered rear porch, serving as a cheery bridge between the sleeping and activity areas.

A further division is achieved between formal entertaining and daily living, with the latter occupying the entire rear, overlooking and connected to a large patio. Separation between the family room and kitchen is via free-standing cabinets which effectively divide without enclosing. The dining and living rooms at the front share the same kind of sweeping cathedral ceiling that features the family room and kitchen combination.

There are 1697 square feet of living area, not including the garage, porch and patio. Over-all dimensions are 80′6″ by 42′10″.




pool (opt)
patio
patio
master bedroom
17'-4" x 12'
built-in dress. cab.
sl. dr.
clo.
clo.
clo.
clo.
bath
bedroom
11'-4" x 11'
mirrored sl. drs.
high wind.
porch
sl. dr.
family room
13' x 12'
cath'l clg
kitchen
14'-4" x 12'
dw.
dinette
planter above
built-in ref.
ov.
f.p.
flush brick hearth
gard'n stor.
dress'g rm
lav.
clo.
shower
mud rm.
w.
d.
br. cl.
dn.
pant.
2 car garage
19'-6" x 20'
stor.
dining rm.
10' x 12'
cath'l clg
living room
19' x 13'
foyer
clo.
clo.
lin.
bath
clo.
bedroom
10' x 13'
42'-10"
80'-6"

Dining Room-Kitchen Combo Saves Space

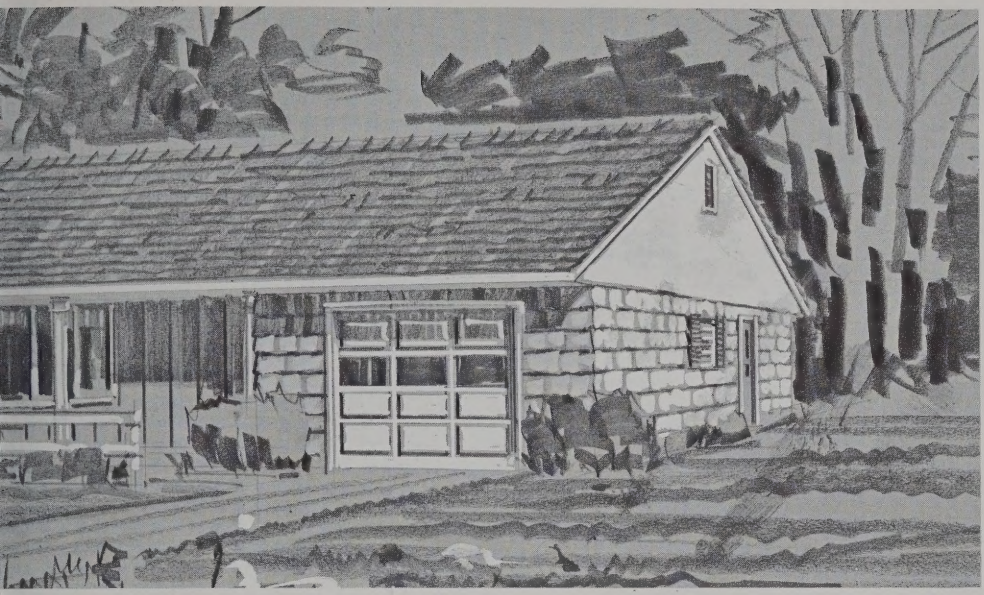
J-66

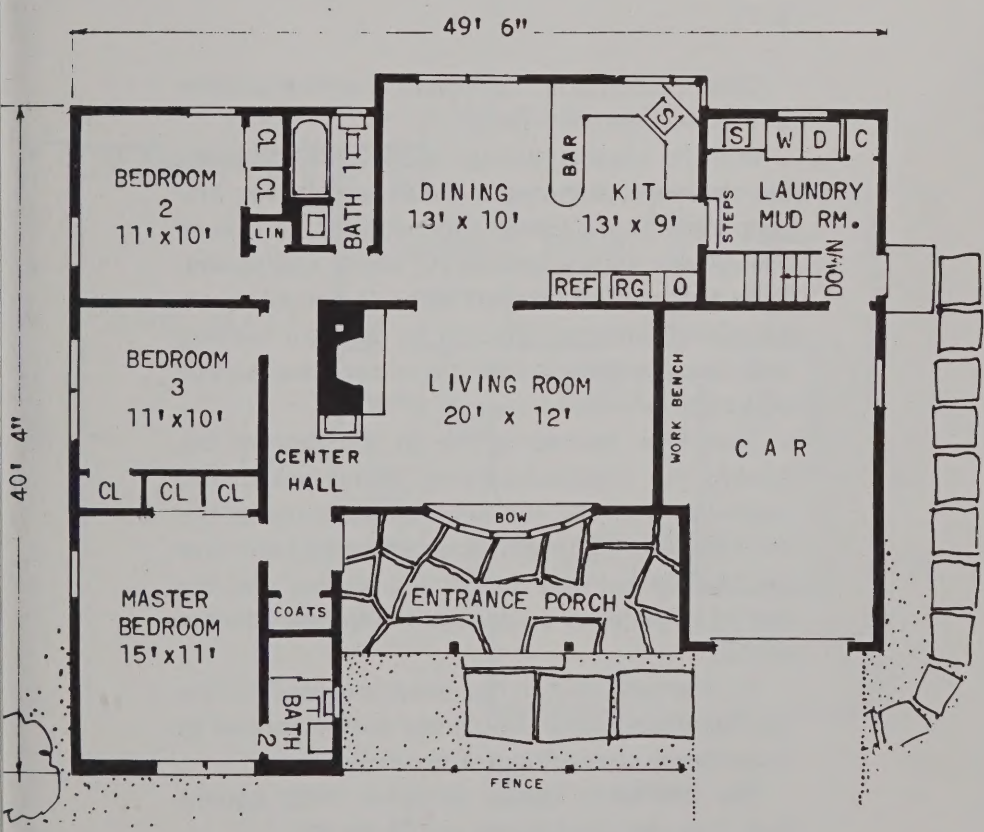
Practicality is the key word in attempting to describe the floor plan within the warm, traditional exterior of this three-bedroom house.

The combined dining room-kitchen is one example of architect Lester Cohen's desire to produce an arrangement with a minimum of wasted space. Another is the manner in which a single hallway serves both the bedroom and living areas without compromising privacy in either. Note, too, how the fireplace, in itself a corner of the living room, serves to separate that room from the dining room, one of the bathrooms, the center hall and two of the bedrooms.

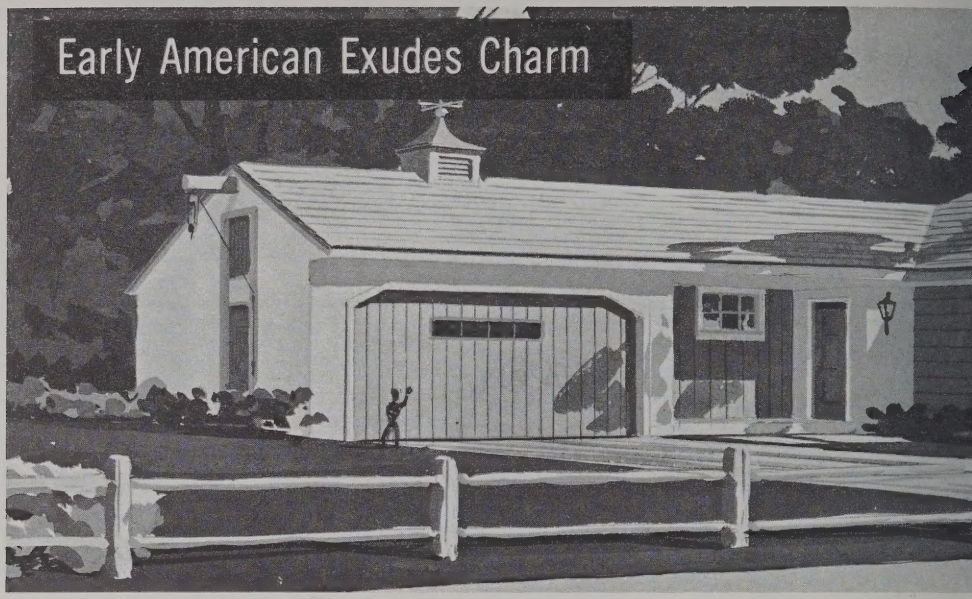
Projection of the master bedroom improves the looks of the house from the outside, at the same time giving the extra space needed to provide a private master bath.

Total living area is 1212 square feet. Over-all dimensions are 49′6″ by 40′4″.




49' 6"
40' 4"
BEDROOM 2 11'x10'
CL
CL
LIN
BATH 1
DINING 13' x 10'
BAR
S
KIT 13' x 9'
S
W
D
C
LAUNDRY MUD RM.
STEPS
DOWN
REF
RG
O
BEDROOM 3 11'x10'
CL
CL
CL
CENTER HALL
LIVING ROOM 20' x 12'
WORK BENCH
CAR
BOW
ENTRANCE PORCH
MASTER BEDROOM 15'x11'
COATS
BATH 2
FENCE

Early American Exudes Charm



B-73

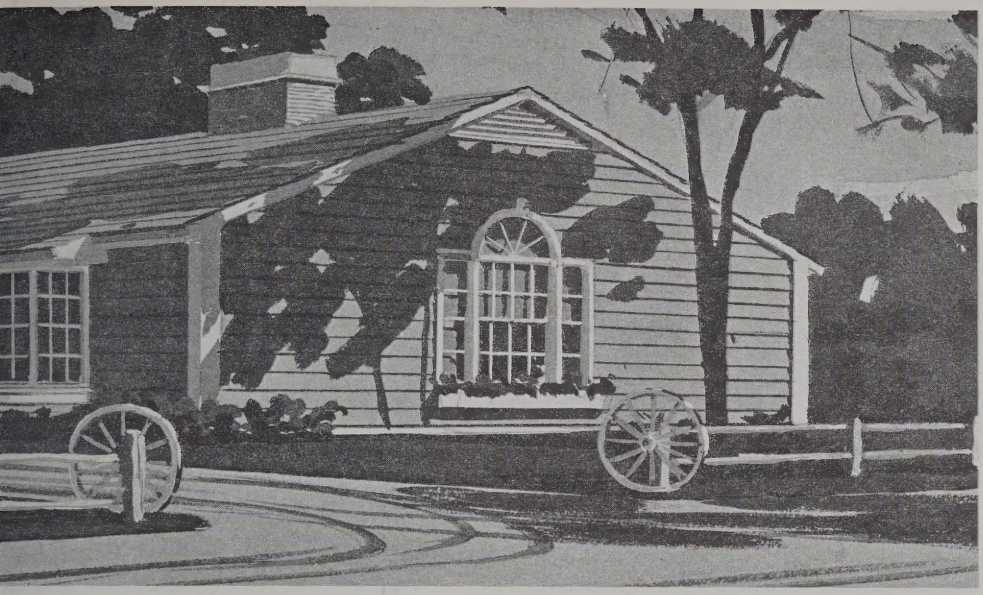
Quaint colonial enchantment is written all over this three-bedroom design.

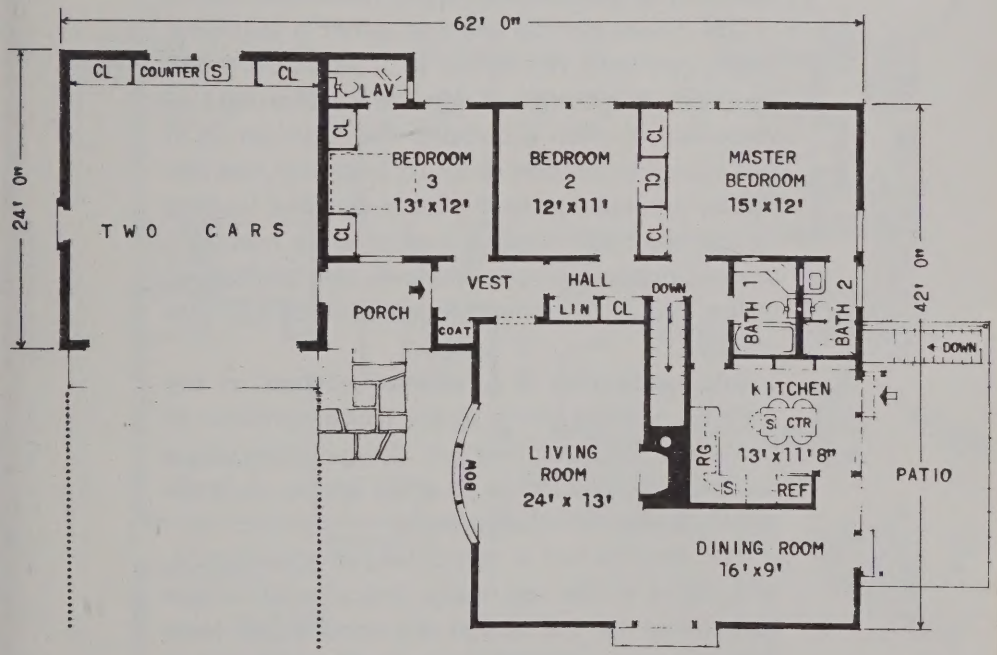
With its stucco, siding, wide brick chimney, cupola and weathervane, it has a charming historic look. There's even a loft door at the side of the garage with a protruding block and tackle. Even that early American touch is not without a functional purpose. It could be used for hauling gear and equipment into the upper garage storage area.

The three bedrooms are at the rear of the house; the fireplaced living room and dining room in front; and the kitchen and patio at the side. Modern features include a sloping cathedral ceiling in the living and dining rooms, and the use of large glass areas within different window styles.

An alternate design has been provided for the kitchen-dining area should the owner choose to build the house without a basement.

The habitable space occupies 1455 square feet. Over-all dimensions are 62′ by 42′.




62' 0"
24' 0"
42' 0"
CL
COUNTER
S
CL
LAV
CL
BEDROOM 3
13'x12'
BEDROOM 2
12'x11'
CL
CL
MASTER BEDROOM
15'x12'
CL
TWO CARS
VEST
HALL
DOWN
PORCH
COAT
LIN
CL
BATH 1
BATH 2
DOWN
KITCHEN
S
CTR
13'x11'8"
RG
BOW
LIVING ROOM
24' x 13'
S
REF
PATIO
DINING ROOM
16'x9'

"Country Kitchen" Highlights Small Ranch

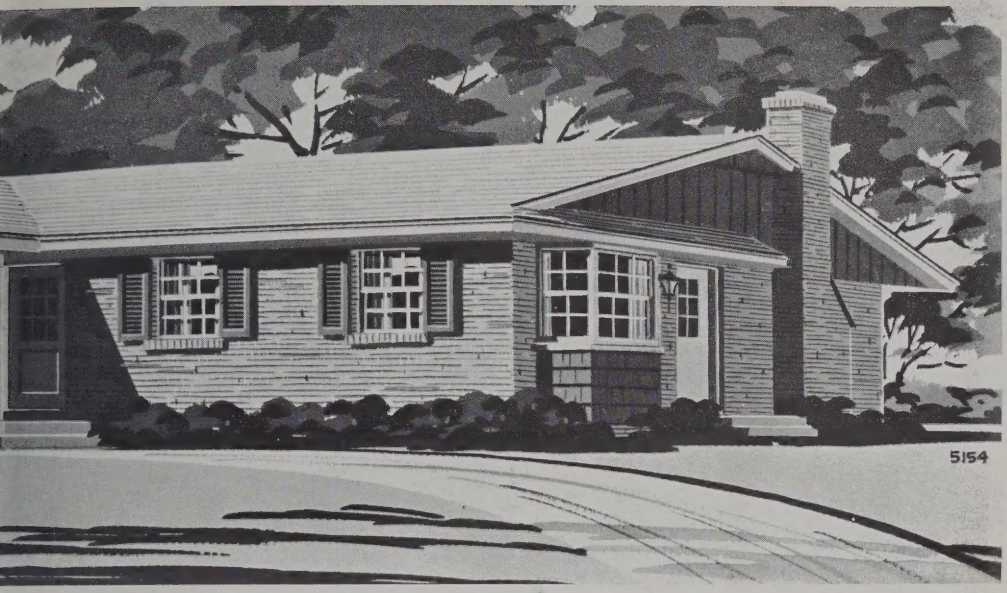
H-39 By the strategic location of one room for multiple use, architect Herman H. York has added flexibility to good design in this traditional ranch.

The house can be used as either a four-bedroom, two-bath residence or a three-bedroom, two-bath home with a den. While this kind of versatility is often a compromise, it is not so in this case. For the den, or fourth bedroom, has two doors, one leading to the foyer and one leading to the rear hall, making it accessible from two areas. Conversion back and forth, due to changes in the size of the family, thus becomes a simple matter.

Another feature is a "country kitchen" of the type so popular when family living centered in this room. The combination kitchen-dining area includes a bay window to allow ample room for family dining for most meals.

The exterior has a well-balanced appearance, with none of the top-heavy characteristics that sometimes mar the design of a small house. Note how the garage at the left appears to be part of the house.

There are 1352 square feet of habitable space. Over-all dimensions are 46′10″ by 42′9″.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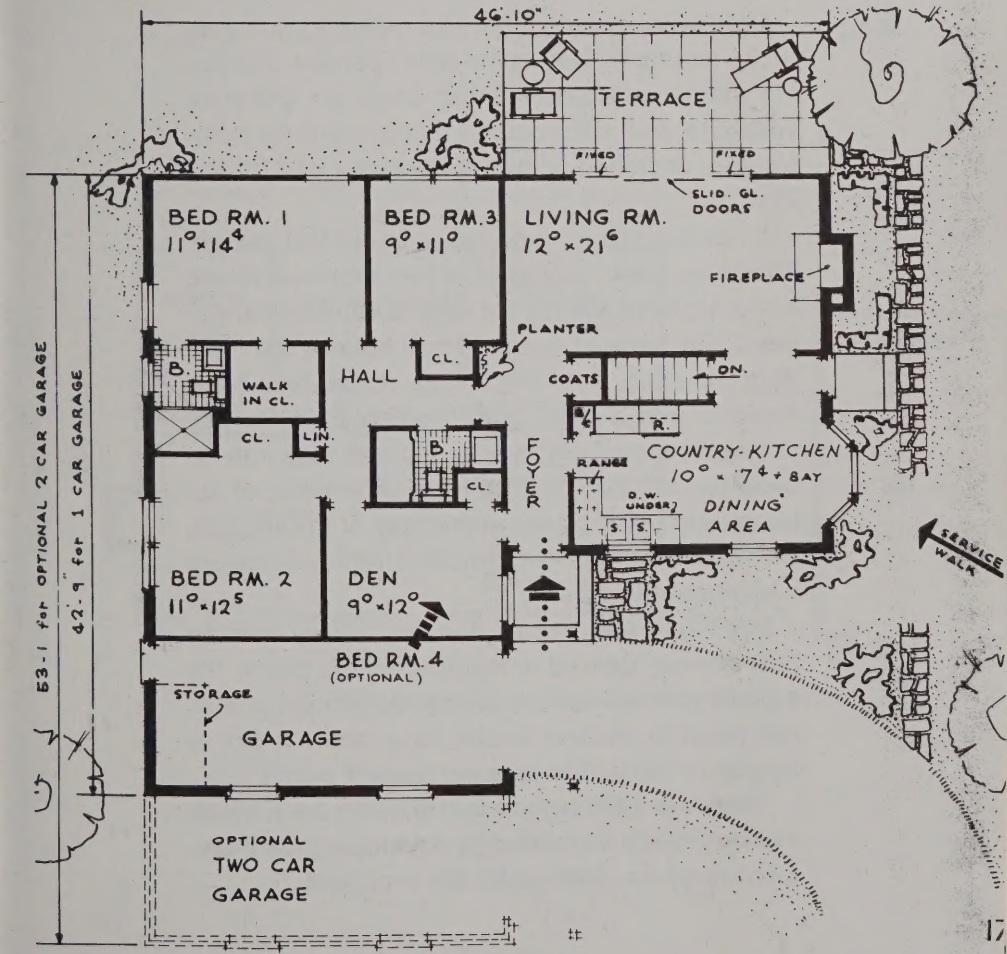

46'-10"
TERRACE
FIXED
FIXED
SLID. GL. DOORS
BED RM. 1
11°×14⁴
BED RM. 3
9°×11°
LIVING RM.
12°×21⁶
FIREPLACE
PLANTER
B.
WALK IN CL.
CL.
LIN.
HALL
CL.
COATS
DN.
R.
B.
CL.
FOYER
RANGE
D.W. UNDER
S
S
COUNTRY-KITCHEN
10° × 7⁴ + BAY
DINING AREA
SERVICE WALK
BED RM. 2
11°×12⁵
DEN
9°×12°
BED RM. 4
(OPTIONAL)
STORAGE
GARAGE
OPTIONAL
TWO CAR
GARAGE
53'-1" for OPTIONAL 2 CAR GARAGE
42'-9" for 1 CAR GARAGE

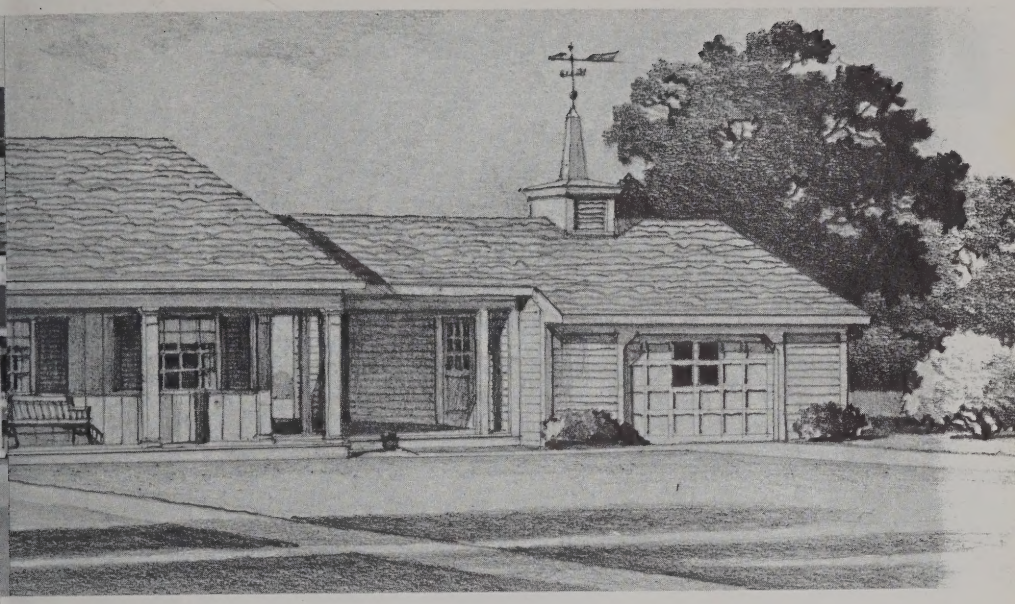
Compact Floor Plan Includes Three Bedrooms

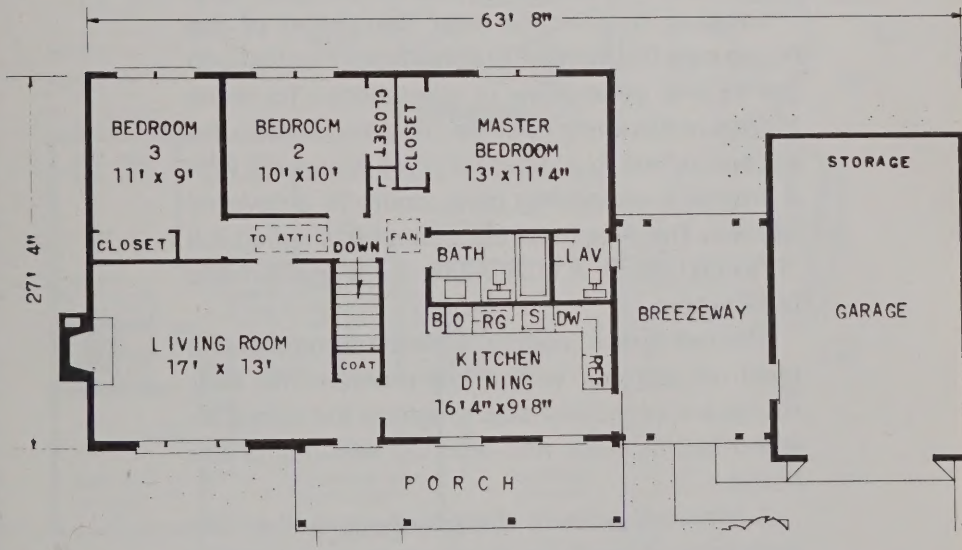
B-54 Only when every square foot delivers maximum utility can three bedrooms with oversize closets, 1½ baths, a kitchen-dining area, an entrance vestibule and a fireplaced living room be comfortably enclosed within dimensions of 37′8″ by 27′4″.

It has been done—and very well—in this design. The living room, for instance, has good wall space and a big front window for easy furniture arrangement. The bane of many a small house—the main door opening into the living room—has been avoided with a small entry vestibule. For formal dining, the long wall on the kitchen side can be used for setting up a buffet. For smaller or informal parties, the area at the front of the kitchen, with two handsome windows to brighten it, makes a pleasant dining site.

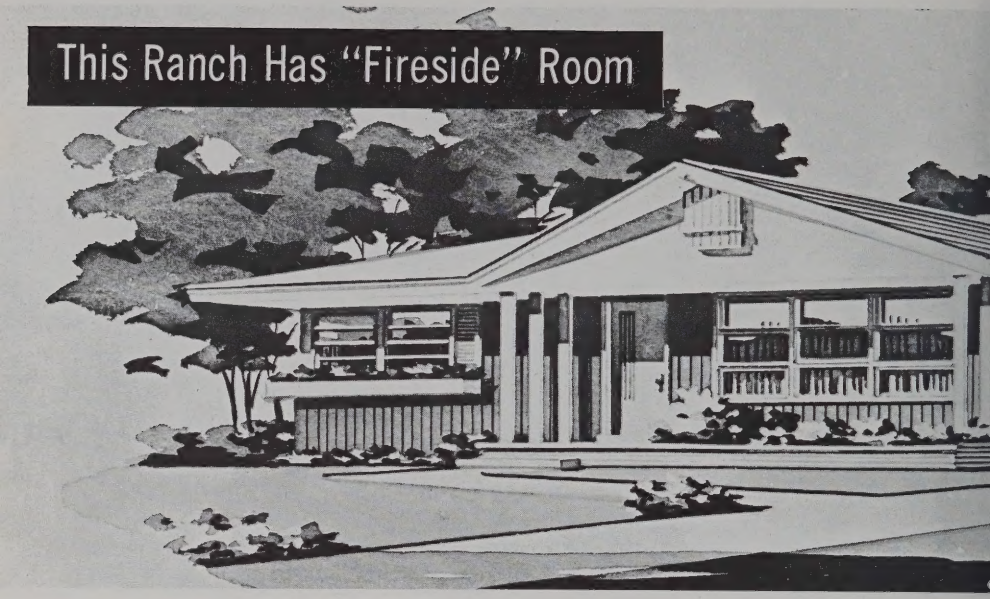
For those who desire it, a breezeway leading to a one-car garage is included in the plans. It's a good spot for outdoor living, but some families may want to enclose it later for a family room, or screen or glass it in as a permanent porch.

There are 1030 square feet of living area, which can be greatly expanded by developing the basement room as detailed by the architect.




63' 8"
27' 4"
BEDROOM 3 11' x 9'
BEDROOM 2 10' x 10'
CLOSET
CLOSET
MASTER BEDROOM 13' x 11' 4"
CLOSET
TO ATTIC
DOWN
FAN
BATH
LAV
B O RG S DW
REF
LIVING ROOM 17' x 13'
COAT
KITCHEN DINING 16' 4" x 9' 8"
BREEZEWAY
STORAGE
GARAGE
PORCH

This Ranch Has "Fireside" Room



B-29

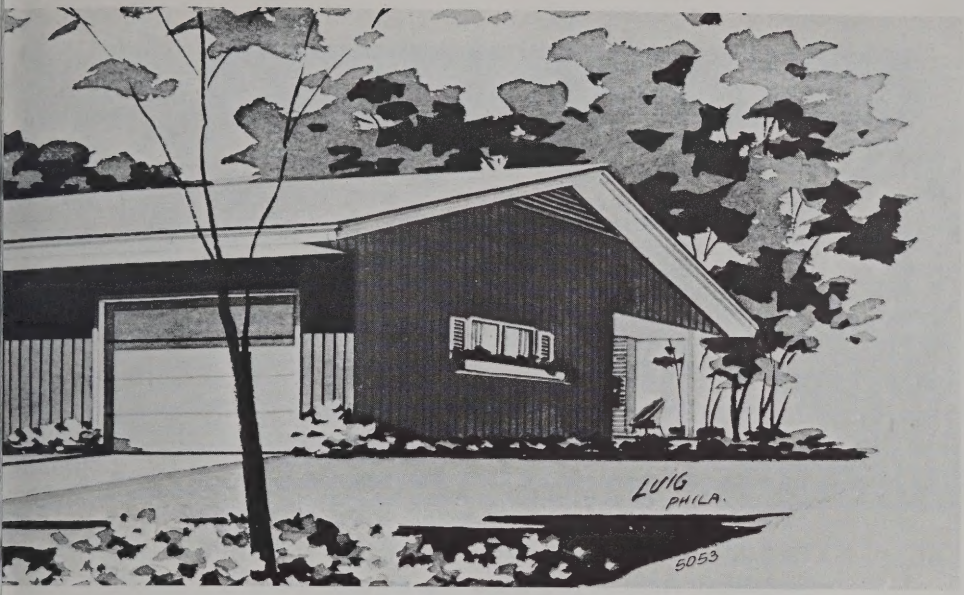
Another cost-cutter. With a rectangular shape and no unnecessary frills, this three-bedroom ranch makes economy and efficiency full partners.

Locating the kitchen near the center of the house cuts the number of steps Mom must take to get to any other area of operations. To make Mom's workaday routine less tiresome, the kitchen opens to a pleasant room equipped with a fireplace and sliding glass doors to a covered terrace. The imaginative architect has called it a "fireside" room, a cozy name for a comfortable family room.

The hall space leading to the bedrooms gets a touch of glamour with a low planter. The bedrooms are of modest size to add to the space allotted to the living and working sections of the house.

A minimum amount of masonry is used on the exterior in line with the economy motif. A brick or stone planter in front of the living room window gives an appearance of luxury. Principal exterior material is vertical siding.

Over-all dimensions are 48′ by 33′. Habitable area is 1159 square feet.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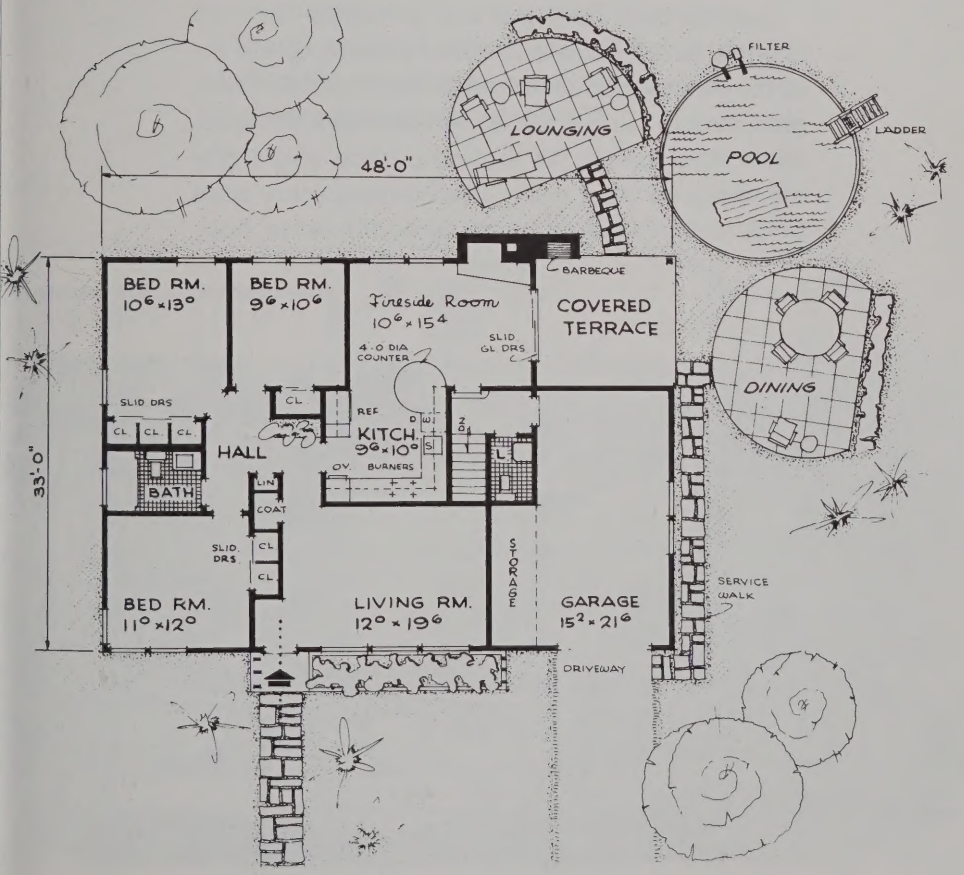
48'-0"
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LOUNGING
FILTER
POOL
LADDER
BARBEQUE
DINING
BED RM.
10⁶ x 13°
BED RM.
9⁶ x 10⁶
Fireside Room
10⁶ x 15⁴
COVERED
TERRACE
4'-0 DIA
COUNTER
SLID
GL DRS
SLID DRS
CL
CL
CL
HALL
BATH
REF
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9⁶ x 10°
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BURNERS
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COAT
SLID
DRS
CL
CL
BED RM.
11° x 12°
LIVING RM.
12° x 19⁶
STORAGE
GARAGE
15² x 21⁶
SERVICE
WALK
DRIVEWAY

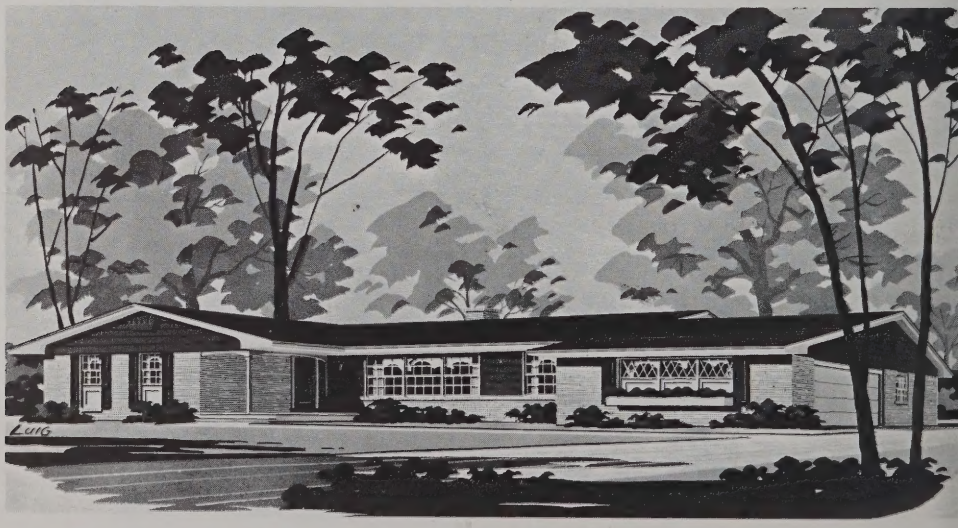
Two Designs Give Choice of Exterior

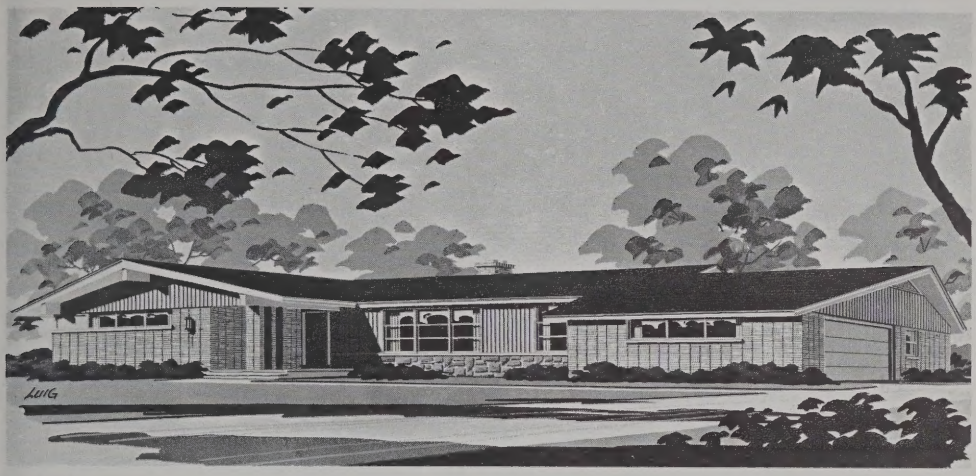
H-22

The large family that needs four or five bedrooms and plenty of living space can get both in a convenient design that permits a choice of a traditional or contemporary exterior.

A four-bedroom wing is at one side of the living room, dining room, kitchen, dinette and hearth or family room. On the other side is a two-car garage, in back of which is an extra room that can be used as a den, a guest room or a fifth bedroom. Also in this area are a sizable laundry room and a full bath, the third in the house.

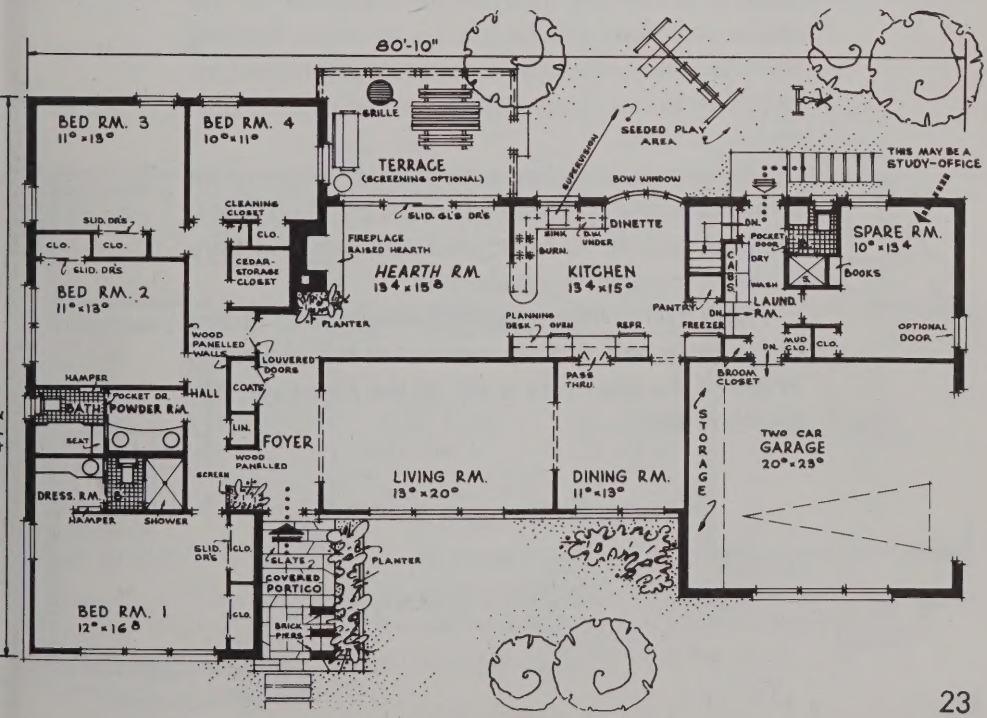
Two exterior designs are provided with no change in the excellent traffic pattern of the interior. The traditional offers brick, handsplit shingles, double hung small-paned windows, shutters, decorative panels, an arched portico and a diamond-paned front door. The contemporary uses brick laid in stacked bond, vertical boards, hori-





zontal windows, no shutters, wide overhangs, flush accent panels and a flush front door.

There are 2432 square feet of living area, including the spare room behind the garage. Overall dimensions are 80′10″ by 49′2″.



Expandable Ranch for Growing Family

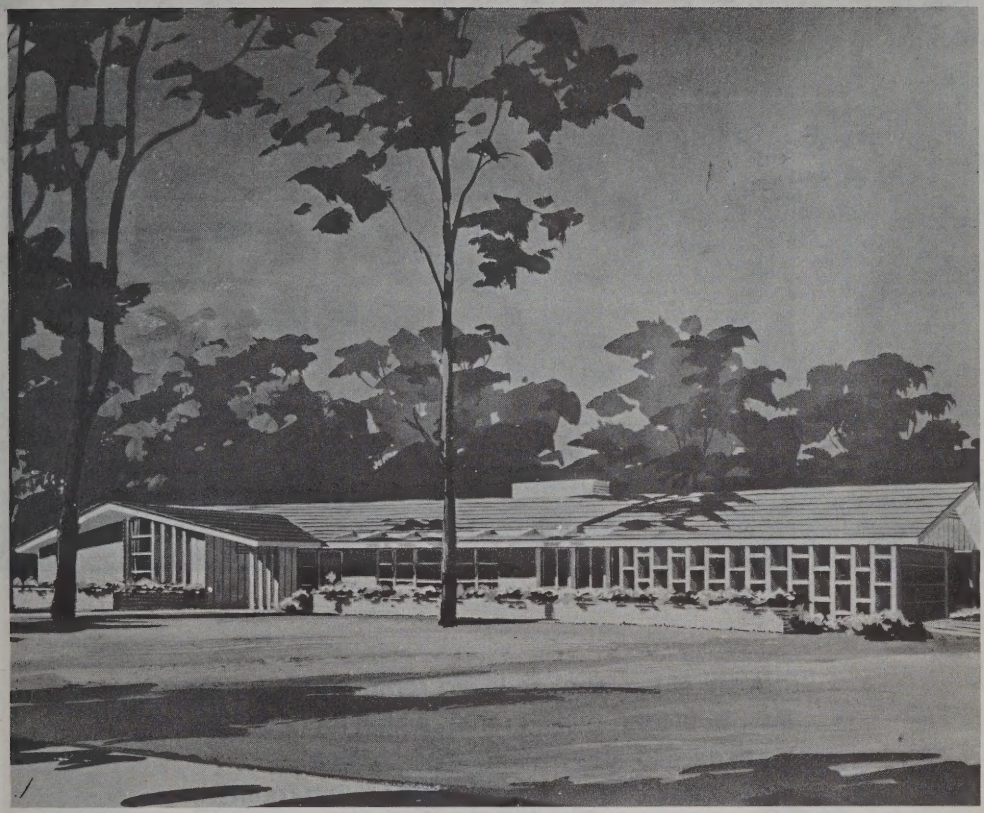
X-55

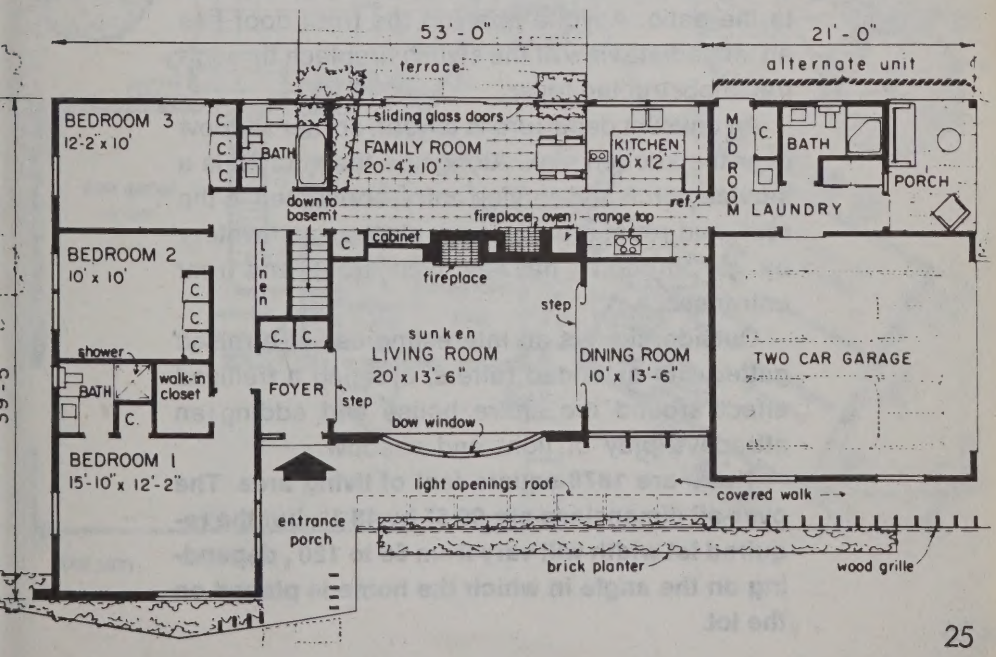
Got a small family? Or a big family? Or a small family that may become a big family?

Whatever your answer is, this ingenious ranch design can fill the bill. Basically a low, long ranch, it has an alternate unit at one end. Built first, it can serve as a one-bedroom apartment for a couple who wish to build the rest of the house when the size of the family and the income increase. For a family with two or three children, the main part of the house can be built at the start, with the alternate unit as a garage. Or the entire structure can be put up at once, utilizing the alternate section as a separate apartment for relatives or a private rental unit or even a professional suite.

The main section has a sunken living room with a fireplace and built-in bookcase, a dining room, kitchen and three bedrooms—all with the very latest in modern conveniences.

There are 1570 square feet of habitable space in the main unit, 555 square feet in the alternate. Width of the main unit is 53′; of the alternate, 21′. Depth is 39′5″.




53'-0"
21'-0"
terrace
alternate unit
BEDROOM 3
12'-2" x 10'
C.
C.
C.
BATH
sliding glass doors
FAMILY ROOM
20'-4" x 10'
KITCHEN
10' x 12'
ref.
MUD ROOM
C.
BATH
PORCH
LAUNDRY
down to basemt
fireplace
oven
range top
BEDROOM 2
10' x 10'
C.
C.
C.
shower
BATH
walk-in closet
C.
linen
C.
cabinet
fireplace
step
C.
C.
sunken
LIVING ROOM
20' x 13'-6"
DINING ROOM
10' x 13'-6"
TWO CAR GARAGE
FOYER
step
bow window
BEDROOM 1
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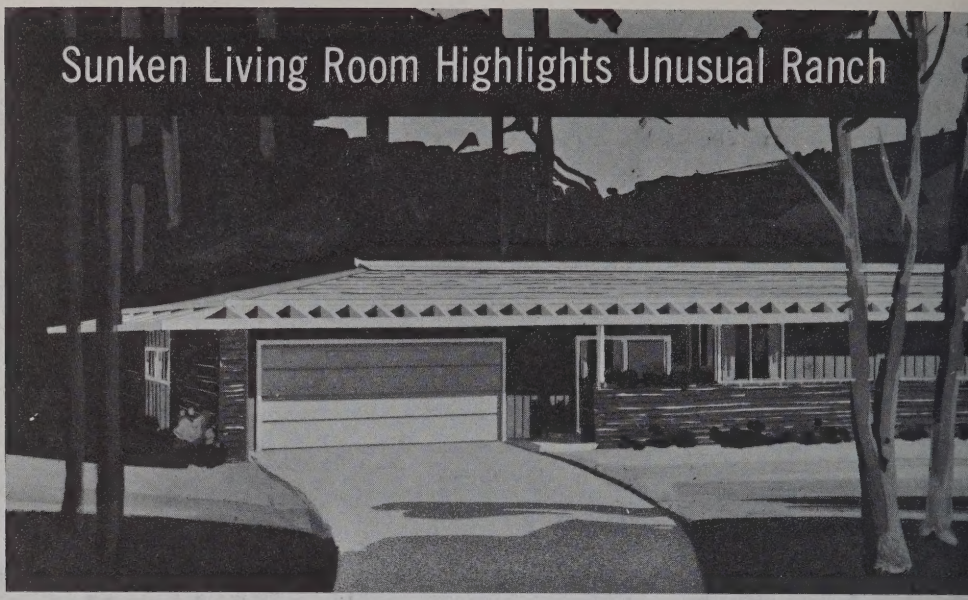
light openings roof
covered walk
entrance porch
brick planter
wood grille
39'-3"

Sunken Living Room Highlights Unusual Ranch



H-56

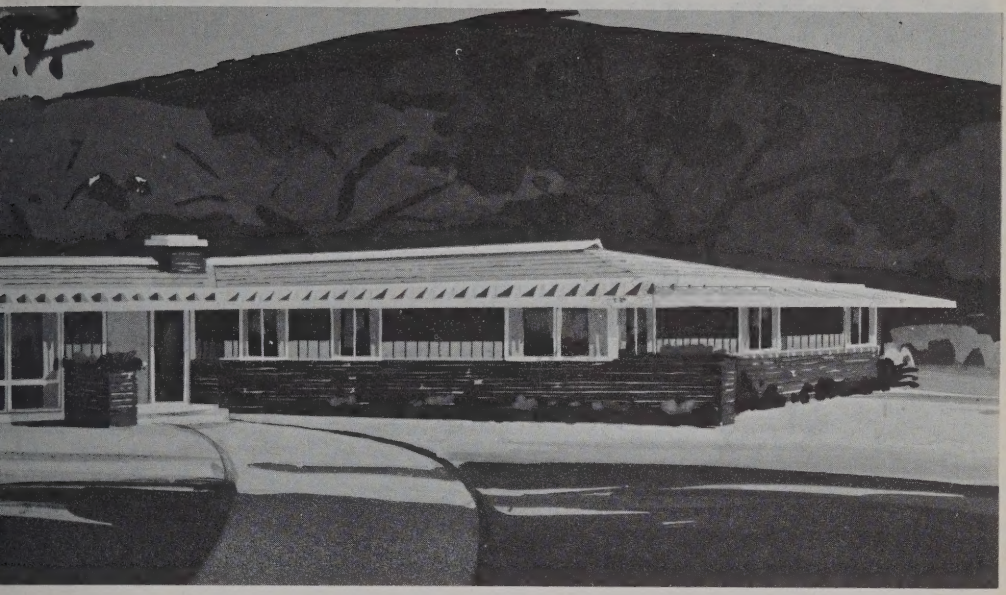
A six-sided, sunken living room highlights the interior of this unusual ranch, which has a shallow V shape and an eye-catching roof line.

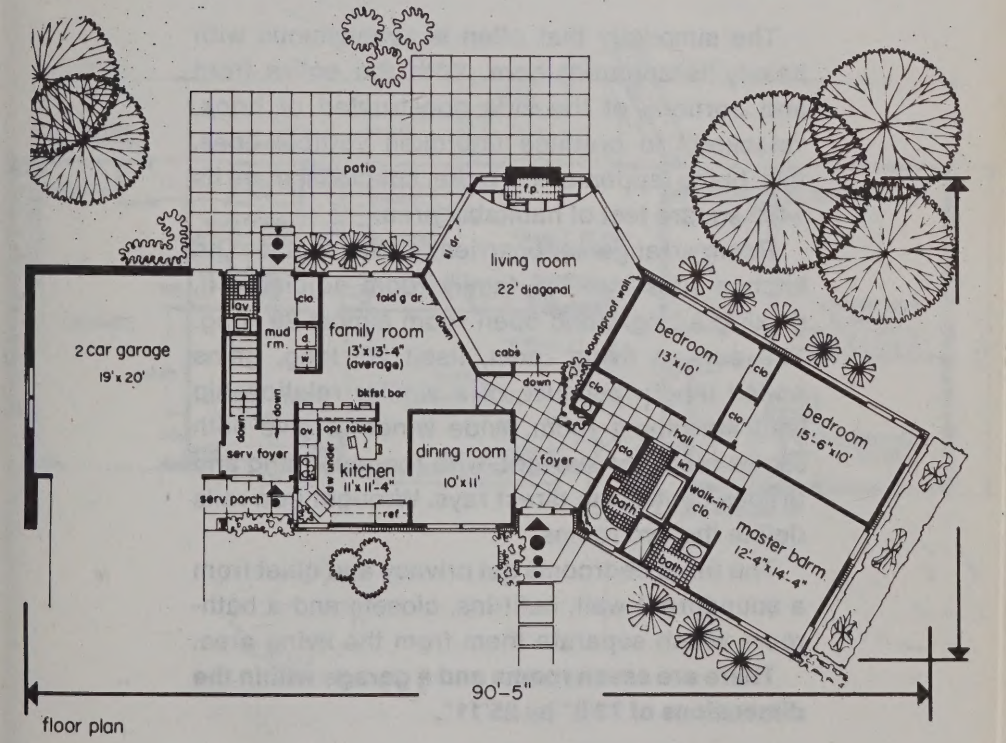
Two steps below the foyer, the living room has a fireplace at the rear, space for built-in cabinets and glass galore, including a sliding glass door to the patio. Anyone opening the front door has an immediate view of the stylish fireplace through the unobstructed foyer.

An unusual departure is a front, corner window over the kitchen sink. Alongside the kitchen is a service porch and service entry, connected to the rear mud room area, laundry alcove and lavatory by a "through" hallway with front and rear entrances.

Outside, there's an interesting use of a raised gutter with extended rafters, creating a trellised effect around the entire house and adding an attractive play of light and shadow.

There are 1878 square feet of living area. The over-all dimensions are 90′5″ by 48′1″, but the required lot width will vary from 65 to 120′, depending on the angle in which the home is placed on the lot.




patio
fp
sl. dr.
living room
22' diagonal
fold'g dr.
soundproof wall
2 car garage
19'x 20'
lav
clo
mud rm.
d
w
family room
13'x 13'-4"
(average)
cabs
down
bedroom
13'x 10'
clo
clo
bedroom
15'-6"x 10'
bkfst bar
down
down
ov
opt table
serv foyer
dw under
kitchen
11'x 11'-4"
dining room
10'x 11'
foyer
clo
hall
lin
walk-in clo
bath
bath
master bdrm
12'-4"x 14'-4"
serv porch
ref
patio
90'-5"

floor plan

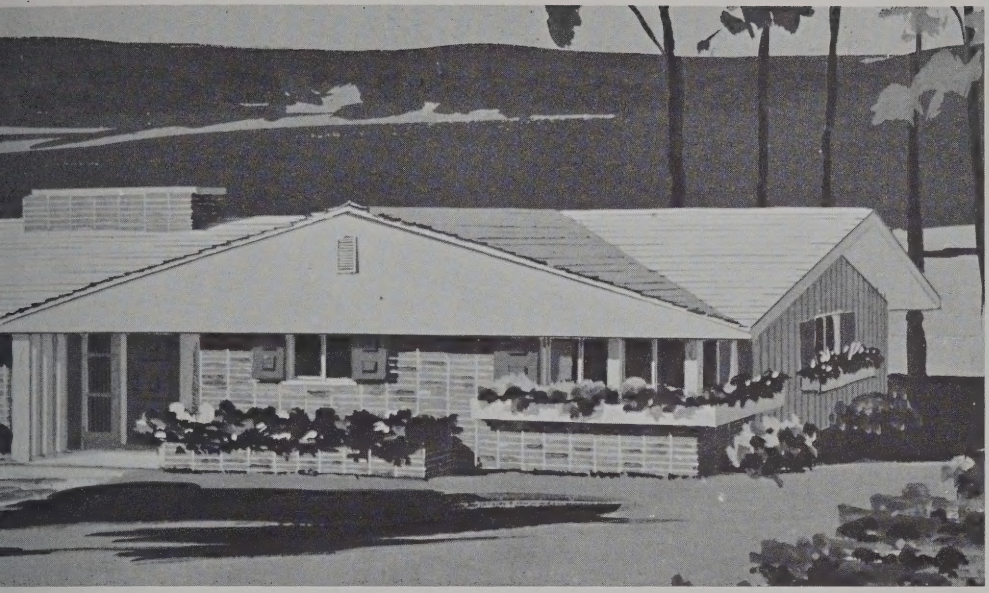
X-99

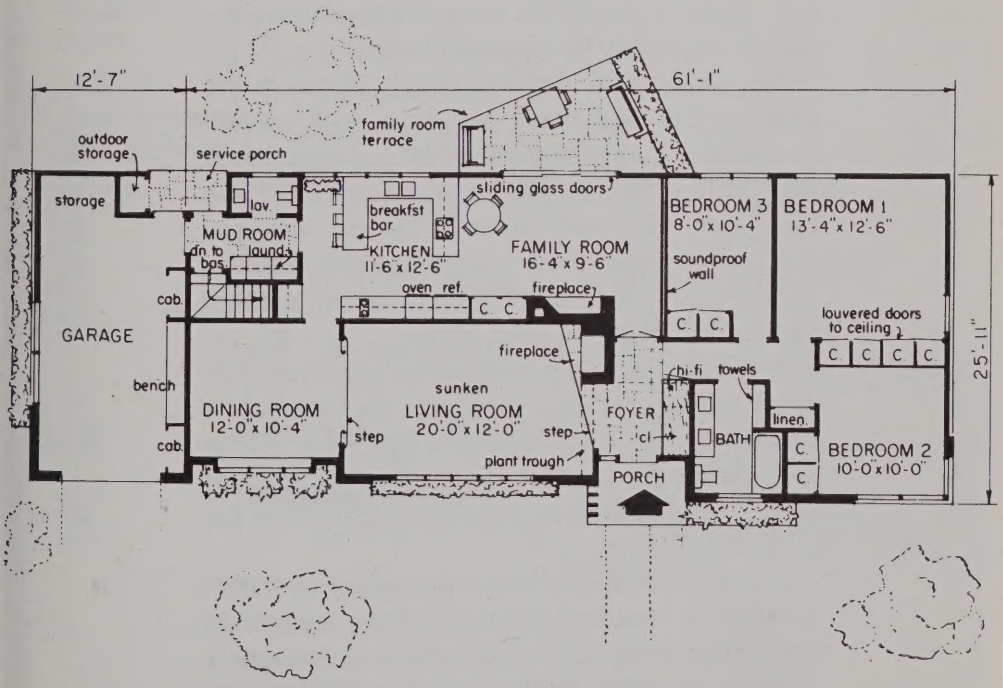
The simplicity that often is synonymous with beauty is apparent here. With the entire front and portions of the side constructed of brick, "stacked" to produce unbroken vertical lines, this home appears far more spacious than its 1492 square feet of habitable area.

Room arrangement carries out this theme. The kitchen runs into the family room adjoining it, making a bright and open room almost 29′ long. The sunken living room, itself 20′ long, gains added length because of a similar relationship with the dining room. Wide windows give both rooms plenty of sunlight, with roof overhang and drapes controlling direct rays. Wrought iron rails define the two rooms.

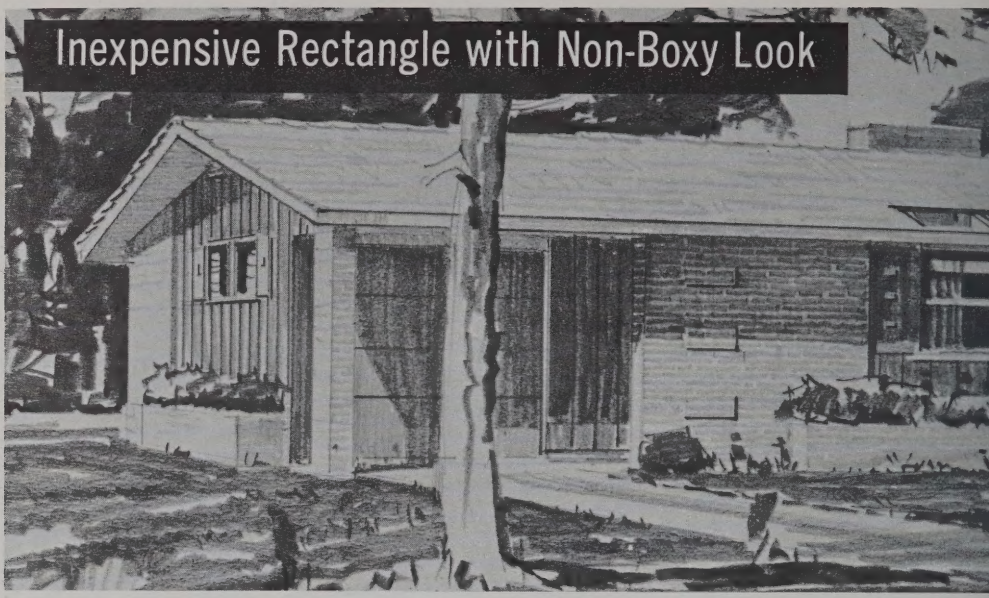
The three bedrooms get privacy and quiet from a soundproof wall, built-ins, closets and a bathroom which separate them from the living area.

There are seven rooms and a garage within the dimensions of 73′8″ by 25′11″.




12'-7"
61'-1"
family room terrace
outdoor storage
service porch
storage
lav.
MUD ROOM
dn to bas.
laund.
breakfst bar
KITCHEN
11-6 x 12-6"
sliding glass doors
FAMILY ROOM
16-4 x 9-6
BEDROOM 3
8'-0"x 10'-4"
BEDROOM 1
13'-4"x 12'-6"
soundproof wall
louvered doors to ceiling
oven
ref.
fireplace
fireplace
cab.
GARAGE
bench
cab.
DINING ROOM
12-0"x 10-4"
step
sunken
LIVING ROOM
20'-0"x 12'-0"
step
plant trough
PORCH
FOYER
cl.
hi-fi
towels
linen.
BATH
BEDROOM 2
10'-0"x 10'-0"
25'-11"

Inexpensive Rectangle with Non-Boxy Look



HW-17

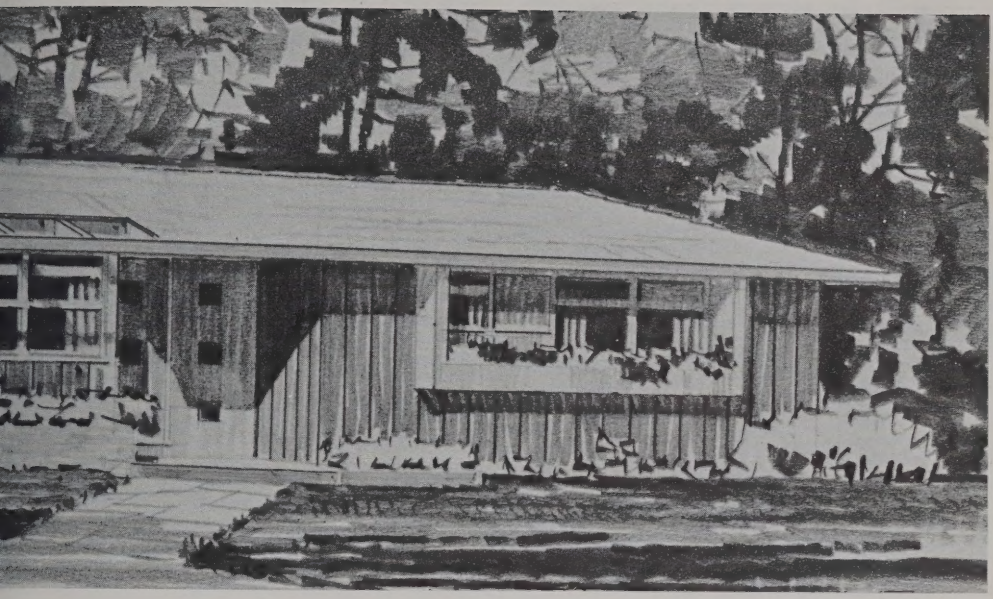
Here is a fine example of how much comfort and convenience can be packed into a house designed especially for the small budget.

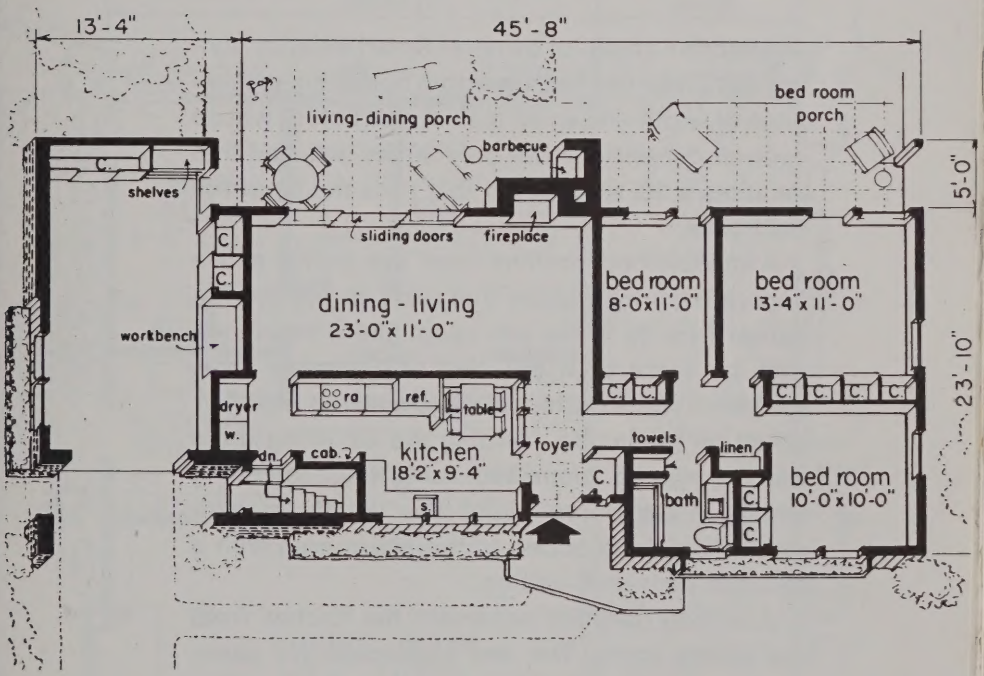
Economy starts with the simple shape of the plan—virtually a perfect rectangle, with a plain and inexpensive roof of low pitch and continuous ridge to create an appearance of length. Yet a boxy look has been avoided by the recessed front entrance and the opening of the eaves in egg-crate style over the kitchen window to admit sunlight for the breakfast table.

Sliding glass doors merge the living room with a living-dining porch. A log-burning fireplace in the living room and a barbecue grill on the porch are touches of luxury that can be eliminated for still further economies without affecting the design of the home.

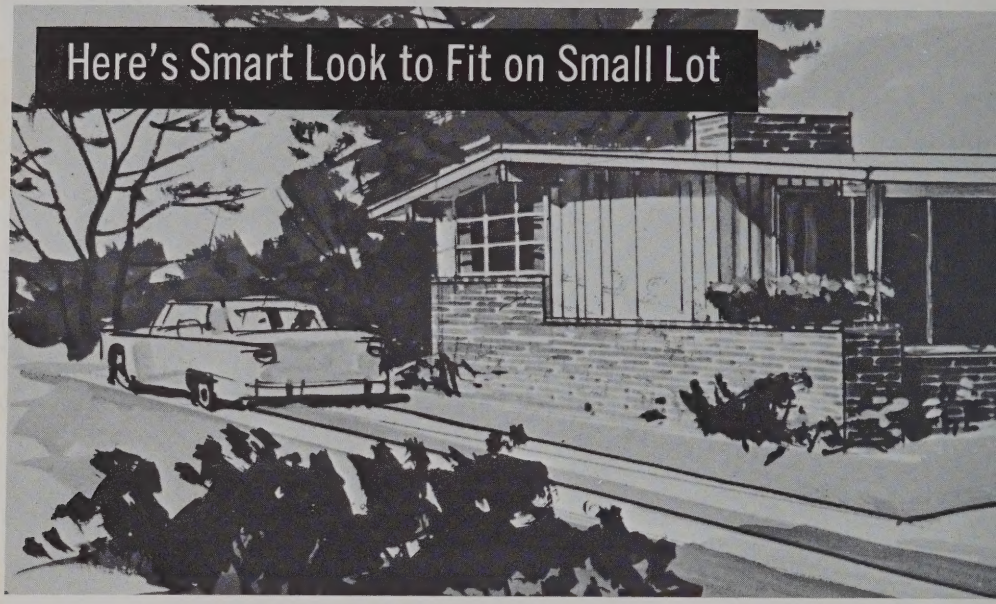
While the plans include a basement, architect Rudolph A. Matern's blueprints have a separate conversion sheet for basementless construction.

There are 1022 square feet of habitable area within over-all dimensions of 45′8″ by 23′10″. A garage is optional.




13'-4"
45'-8"
living-dining porch
bed room
porch
barbecue
5'-0"
shelves
sliding doors
fireplace
dining - living
23'-0"x 11'-0"
bed room
8'-0"x11'-0"
bed room
13'-4"x 11'-0"
workbench
dryer
w.
ra
ref.
table
kitchen
18'-2"x 9'-4"
dn.
cab.
s.
foyer
towels
linen
bath
bed room
10'-0"x 10'-0"
23'-10"

Here's Smart Look to Fit on Small Lot

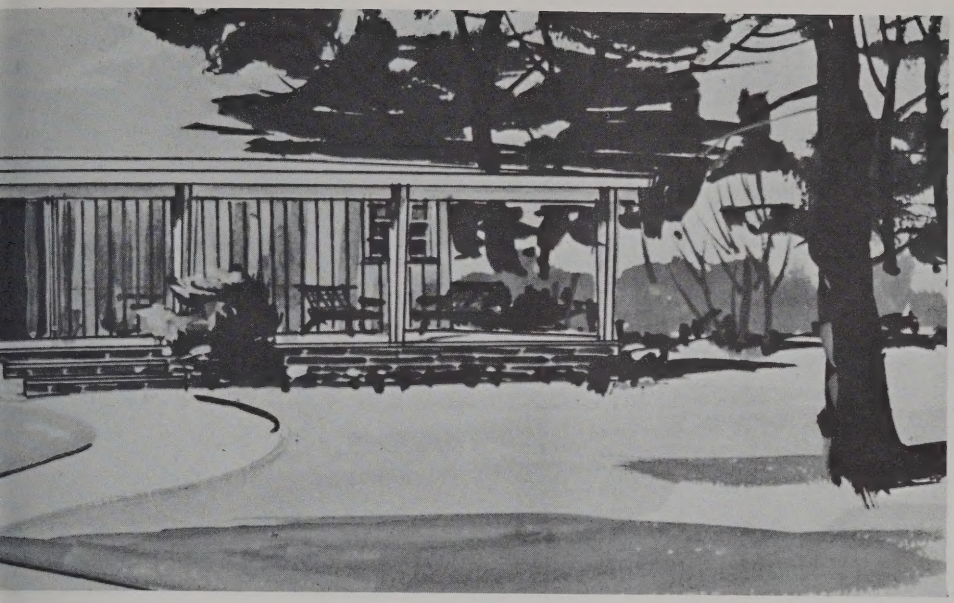


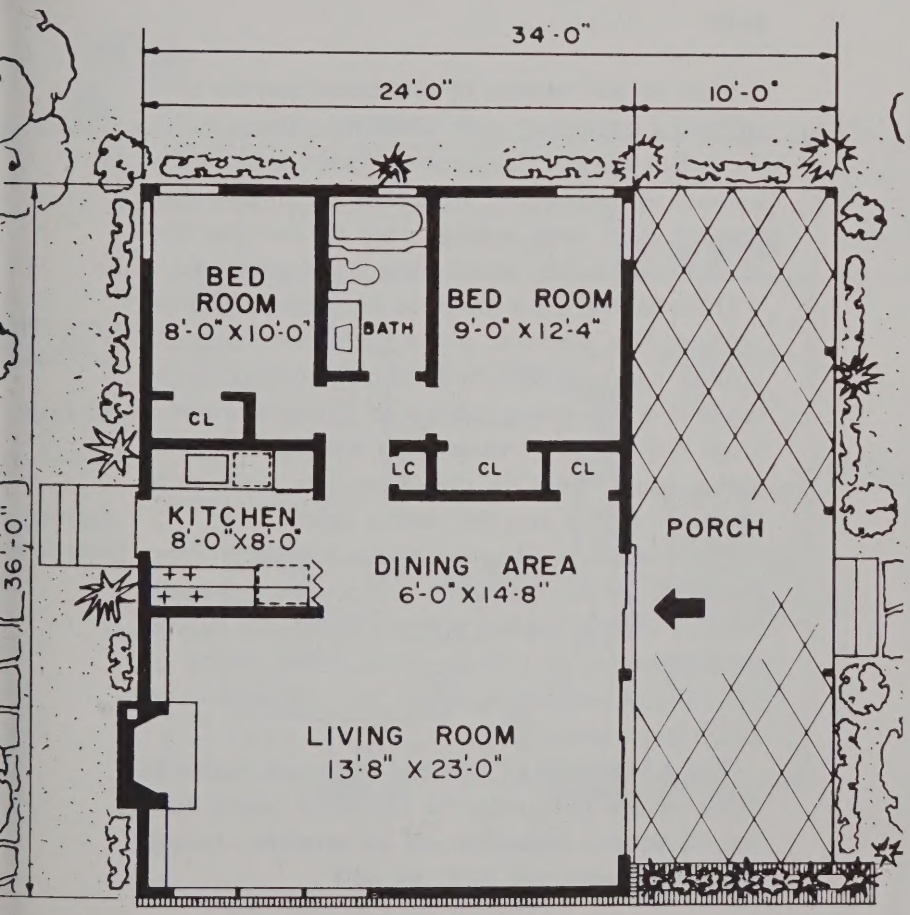
H-63

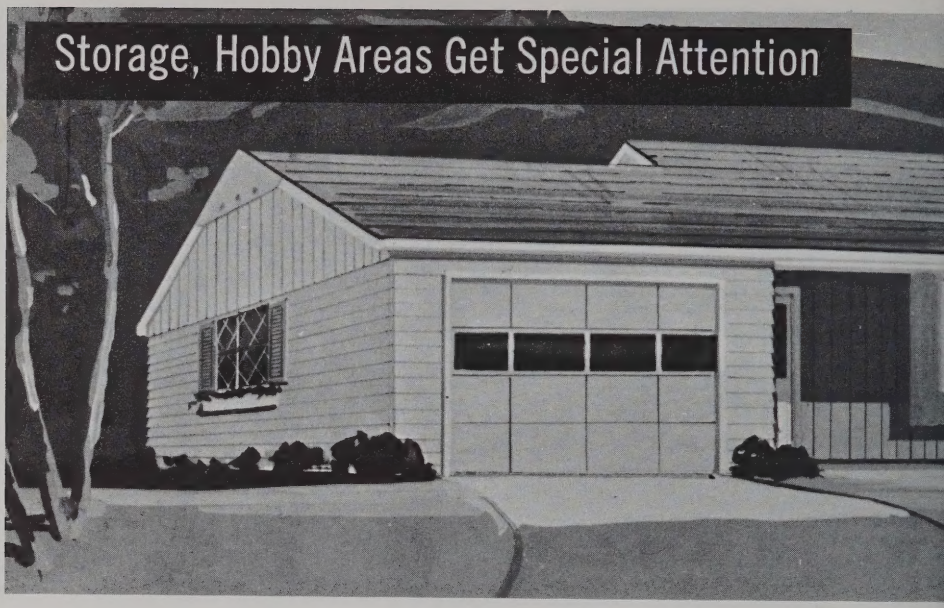
Attention small-lot owners! Smart exterior styling has given this two-bedroom house an appearance of width—no small task in a structure whose over-all dimensions are only 36′ by 34′. And that includes a 10′ wide porch that runs the length of the house.

A low-pitched roofline over the porch and a decorative brick planter that extends beyond the corner help to make this seem like a residence with far more than 864 feet of habitable area. Architect William Chirgotis has created a similar effect on the inside, melding the 23′ living room into the dining room and using floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors along the length of both rooms. Height is added to the entire area with a beamed cathedral ceiling.

A folding partition separates the kitchen from the dining room. The two bedrooms are separated by a bathroom. A partial basement for the heating unit and storage is located under the living room.




34'-0"
24'-0"
10'-0"
BED ROOM
8'-0" X 10'-0"
BATH
BED ROOM
9'-0" X 12'-4"
CL
LC
CL
CL
KITCHEN
8'-0" X 8'-0"
DINING AREA
6'-0" X 14'-8"
PORCH
LIVING ROOM
13'-8" X 23'-0"
36'-0"



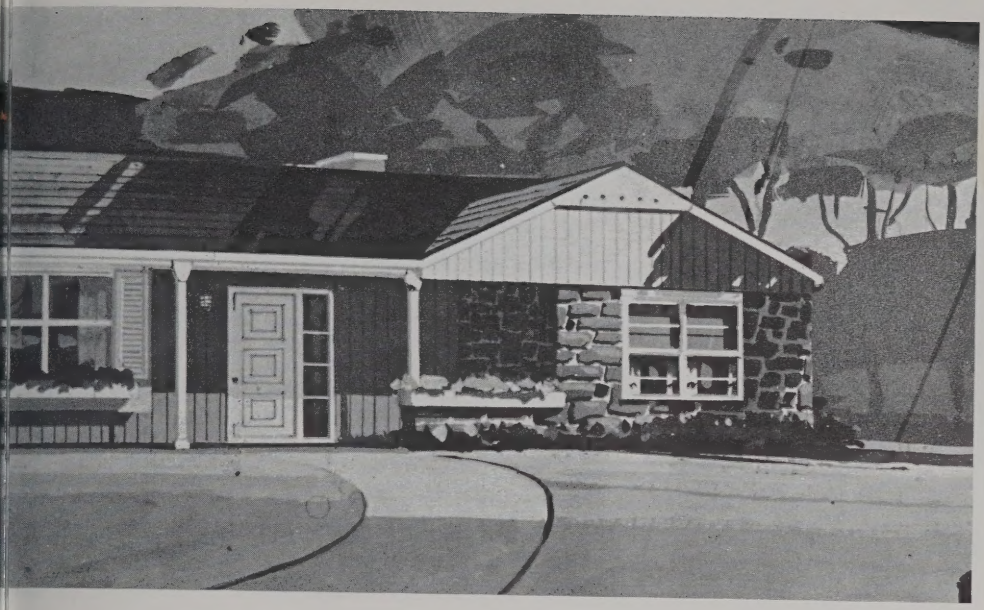
H-17

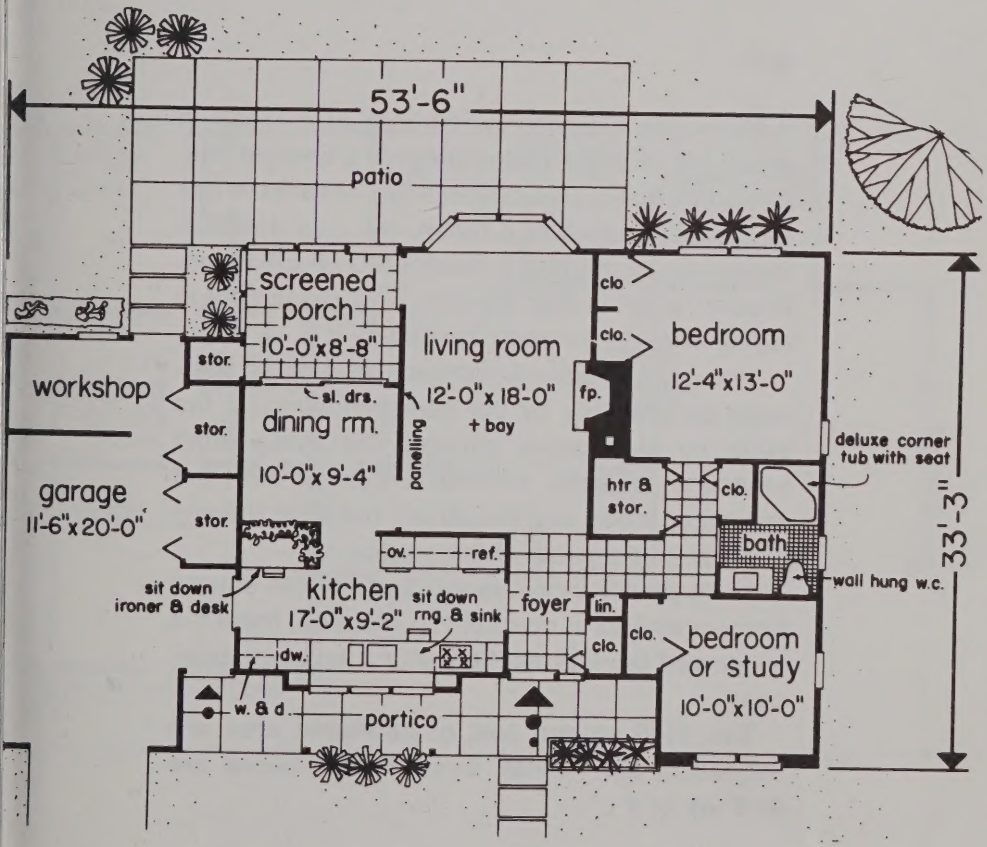
Most of the houses in this book can be built without a basement even when the plans call for them. But this one has been designed specifically without a basement. In creating it, architect Samuel Paul took special care to see that the storage and hobby areas were not neglected.

Outside, there's a gracious air, with a covered portico, box planters, stone front and redwood gables. Inside, there's livability. The central foyer leads to a rear living room with a fireplace and a large bay window overlooking a patio. From the living room there is direct access both to a screened porch and the dining room.

The kitchen is 17′ long and has cabinets lining two walls. At the front wall is a counter top more than 11′ long with knee space underneath so that food preparation can be done either sitting or standing. Above the counter top and sink is an extended window bay.

The basic area of this two-bedroom house is 1043 square feet, with the screened porch adding 93 square feet. Over-all dimensions, including the garage, are 53′6″ by 33′3″.




53'-6"
patio
screened porch
10'-0"x8'-8"
stor.
workshop
stor.
garage
11'-6"x20'-0"
stor.
sl. drs.
dining rm.
10'-0"x 9'-4"
living room
12'-0"x 18'-0"
+ bay
panelling
clo
clo.
bedroom
12'-4"x13'-0"
fp.
htr & stor.
clo.
deluxe corner tub with seat
bath
wall hung w.c.
33'-3"
ov.
ref.
sit down ironer & desk
kitchen
17'-0"x9'-2"
sit down rng. & sink
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w. & d.
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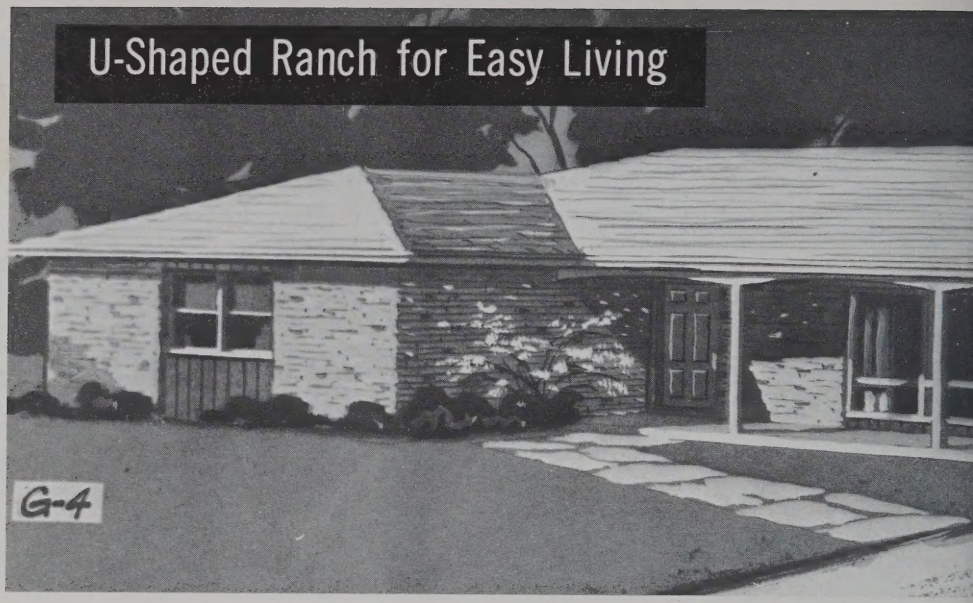


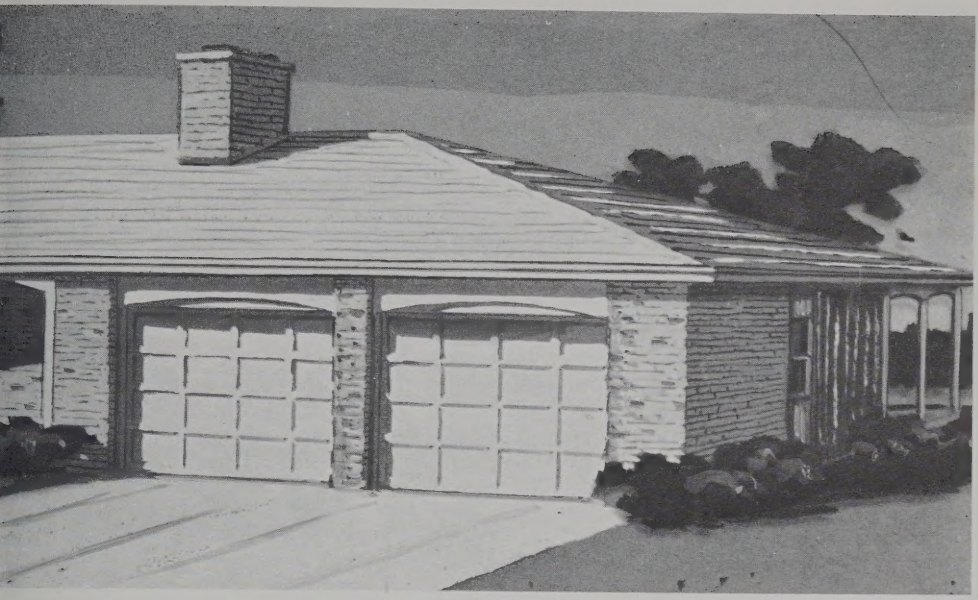
G-4

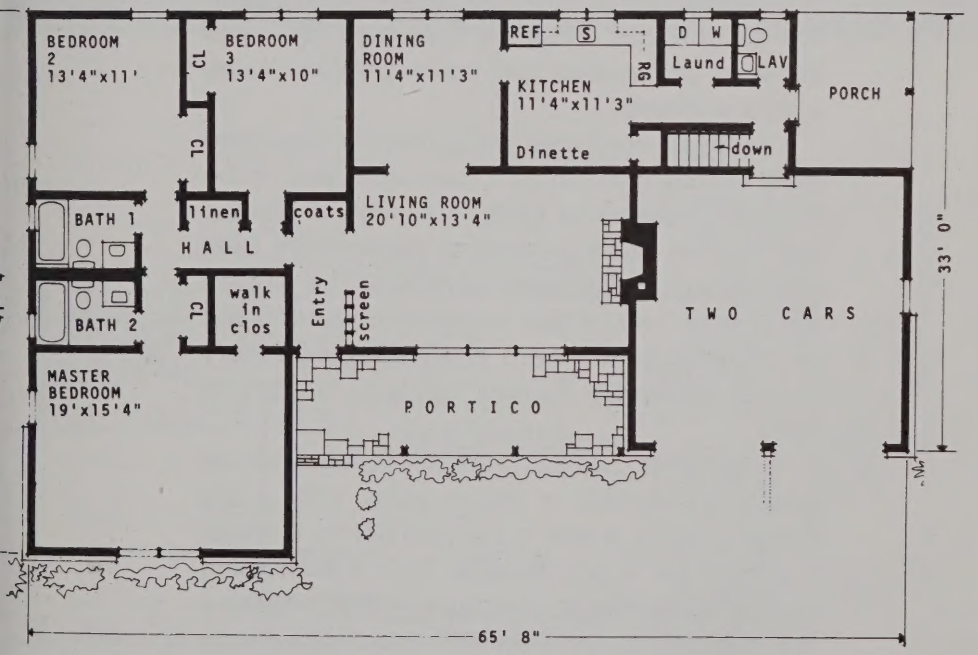
Some like the long, sleek look of a ranch in which the rooms are strung out in a straight line. And some don't. This house is for the latter. It has all the advantages of a ranch, but cuts down on the length by utilizing a modified U-shaped plan. Another asset is that the interior arrangement is highly suitable for easy livability.

The wide, gracious entrance portico is sheltered on one side by the bedroom wing, on the other by the double garage. The living room windows, set back, provide a view of the front garden or lawns and the street, but offer privacy because of the width of the portico.

A big pantry closet is a feature of the square kitchen with its L counter. To the side, there's a windowed laundry section with a lavatory adjacent.

The 1600 square feet of habitable area are utilized to the utmost. Over-all dimensions are 65′8″ by 41′4″.




BEDROOM 2
13'4"x11'
CL
BEDROOM 3
13'4"x10"
DINING ROOM
11'4"x11'3"
REF
S
RG
D
W
Laund
LAV
KITCHEN
11'4"x11'3"
PORCH
Dinette
down
CL
BATH 1
linen
coats
LIVING ROOM
20'10"x13'4"
HALL
CL
walk in clos
Entry
screen
TWO CARS
BATH 2
MASTER BEDROOM
19'x15'4"
PORTICO
33' 0"
65' 8"

Luxury Touches Abound in Eight-Room Ranch

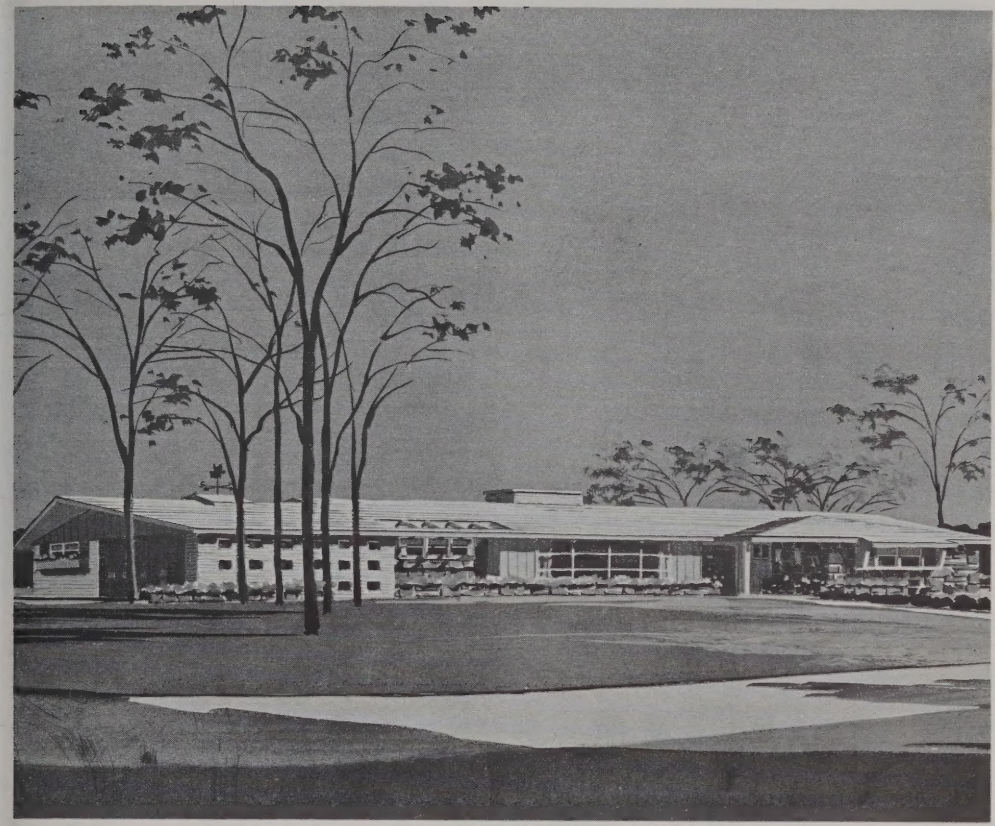
X-93

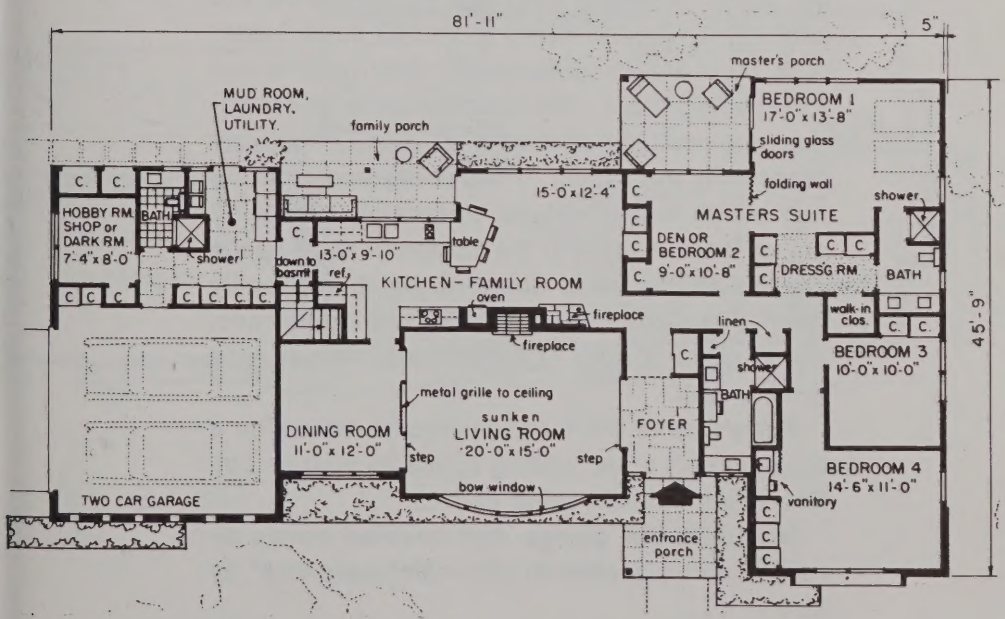
Sprinklings of luxury are evident everywhere in this glamorous three or four-bedroom ranch. The eight rooms under the low-slung roof have the kind of features that make gracious living easy and natural.

The large, fireplaced living room is separated from the dining room by a downward step and a floor-to-ceiling metal grille. A section of pierced roof insures an abundance of natural light from the set-back dining room windows. The kitchen has a main unit of four countertop burners and an adjoining built-in oven, plus a second auxiliary pair of countertop burners handy to the dinette table.

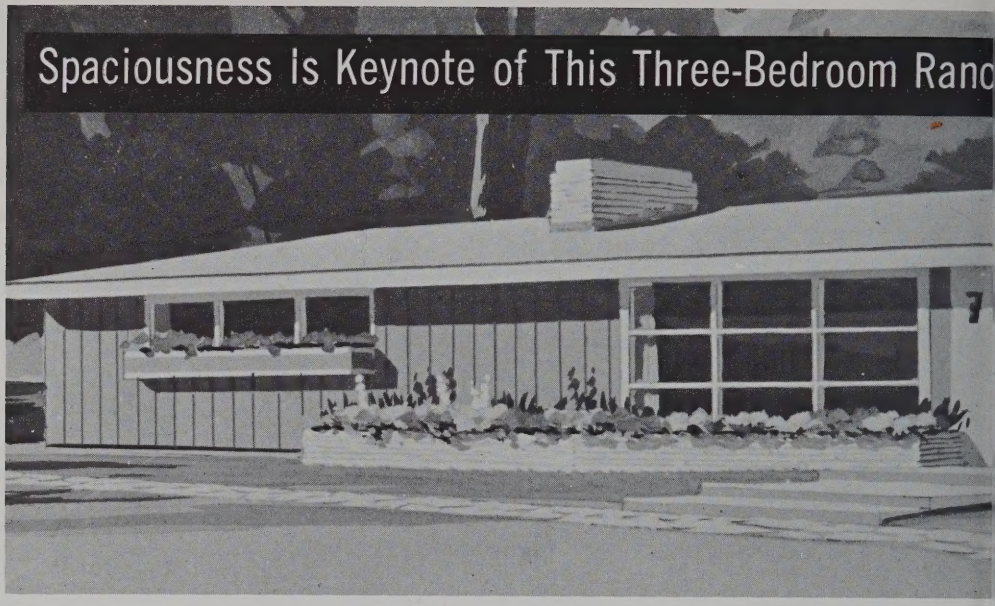
If only three bedrooms are needed, the master bedroom becomes a luxury suite, with a big sleeping room, a den, a covered porch, a dressing room and a private bath. Even if the folding wall is replaced with a permanent one to make a fourth bedroom, the suite still retains the porch, dressing room and private bath.

There are 2239 square feet of living area. Overall dimensions are 81′11″ by 45′9″.




81'-11"
5"
master's porch
BEDROOM 1
17'-0" x 13'-8"
sliding glass doors
folding wall
MASTERS SUITE
shower
DEN OR BEDROOM 2
9'-0" x 10'-8"
DRESSG RM.
BATH
walk-in clos.
BEDROOM 3
10'-0" x 10'-0"
45'-9"
MUD ROOM, LAUNDRY, UTILITY.
family porch
15'-0" x 12'-4"
HOBBY RM. SHOP or DARK RM.
7'-4" x 8'-0"
BATH
shower
down to basmt
13'-0" x 9'-10"
table
ref.
KITCHEN - FAMILY ROOM
oven
fireplace
fireplace
linen
shower
BATH
FOYER
metal grille to ceiling
sunken
LIVING ROOM
20'-0" x 15'-0"
step
step
DINING ROOM
11'-0" x 12'-0"
bow window
TWO CAR GARAGE
BEDROOM 4
14'-6" x 11'-0"
vanitory
entrance porch

Spaciousness Is Keynote of This Three-Bedroom Rano



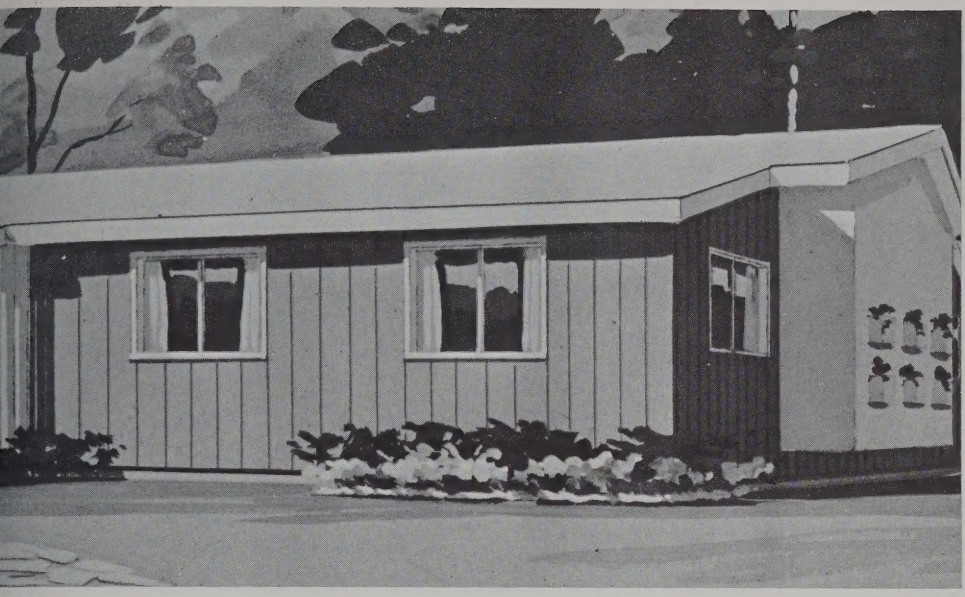
X-36

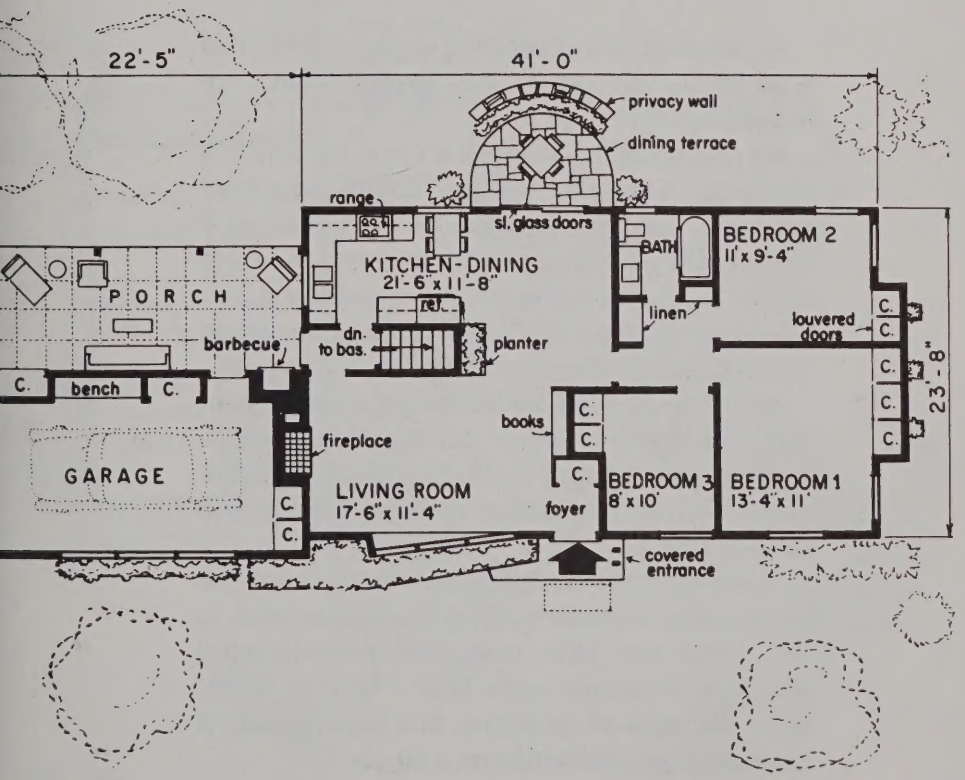
Creating an air of spaciousness in a house with only 1005 square feet of habitable area has been accomplished by architect Rudolph A. Matern.

The magic was accomplished by neatly blending space wherever possible. For instance, the kitchen, family and living rooms all seem larger than they are because each "borrows" space from its neighbors. This has been done by a basement stairwell that serves as an island effectively separating the rooms in the living and working half of the house without completely enclosing any of them. Adding to the illusion of extra space are the sliding glass doors in the dining-family room that lead to the outdoor dining terrace, which gains a note of elegance from a curved privacy wall.

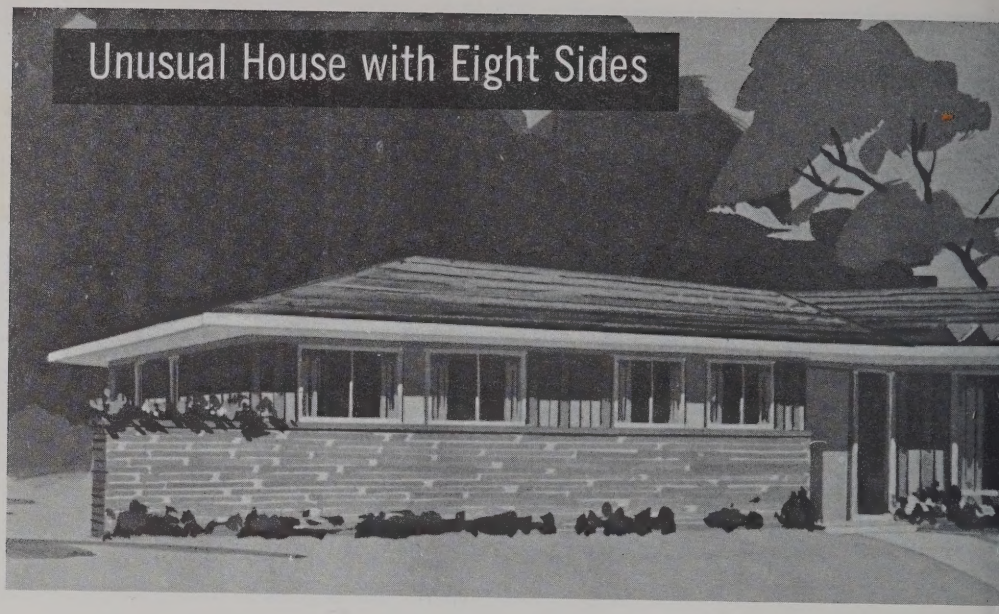
Entrances to the three bedrooms are within a step of each other, saving space as well as cutting down housekeeping chores.

Including the garage and covered porch directly behind it, over-all dimensions are 63′5″ by 23′8″.




22'-5"
41'-0"
privacy wall
dining terrace
range
sl. glass doors
BATH
BEDROOM 2
11' x 9'-4"
KITCHEN-DINING
21'-6" x 11'-8"
P O R C H
barbecue
dn. to bas.
planter
linen
louvered doors
C.
bench
C.
books
fireplace
GARAGE
LIVING ROOM
17'-6" x 11'-4"
foyer
BEDROOM 3
8' x 10'
BEDROOM 1
13'-4" x 11'
23'-8"
covered entrance

Unusual House with Eight Sides



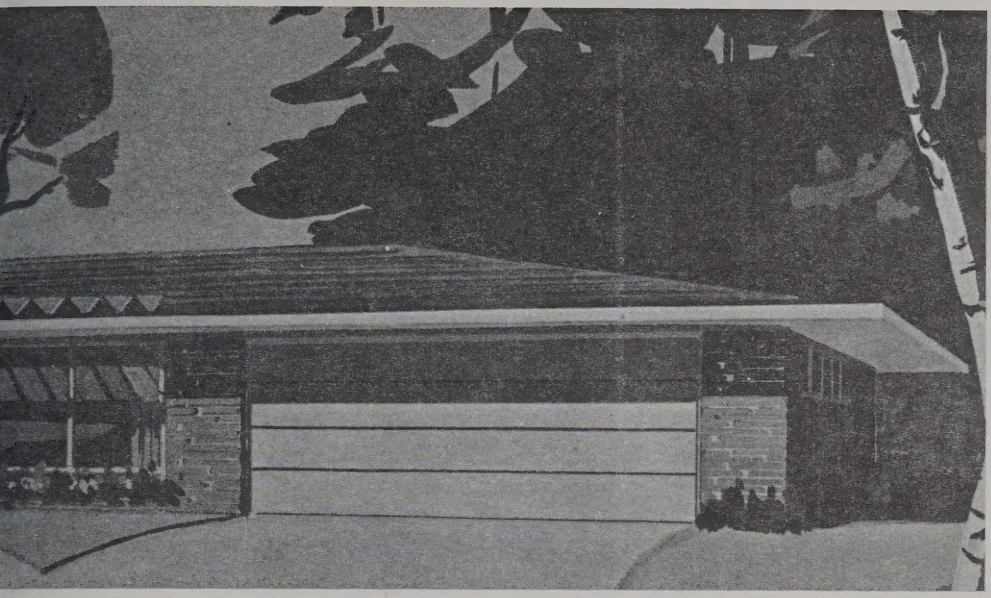
J-61

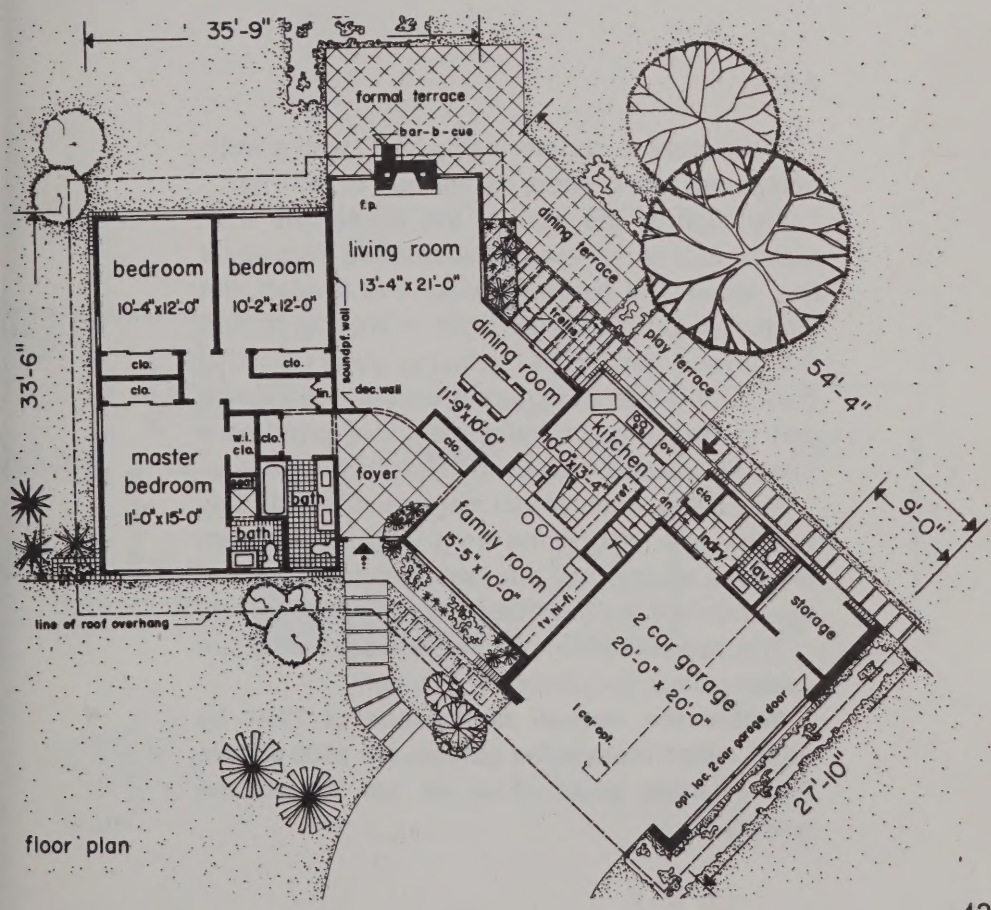
An unusual and distinctive design makes this a home for the family that likes dramatic individuality.

It's roughly in the shape of a Y and actually has eight sides. Each side has been created as a front elevation, thus enabling it to be positioned on a lot any way you choose. But mainly it was designed to take advantage of any angle of a street, any big trees that might be on the land, the slope of the terrain, the direction of the sun, and so forth.

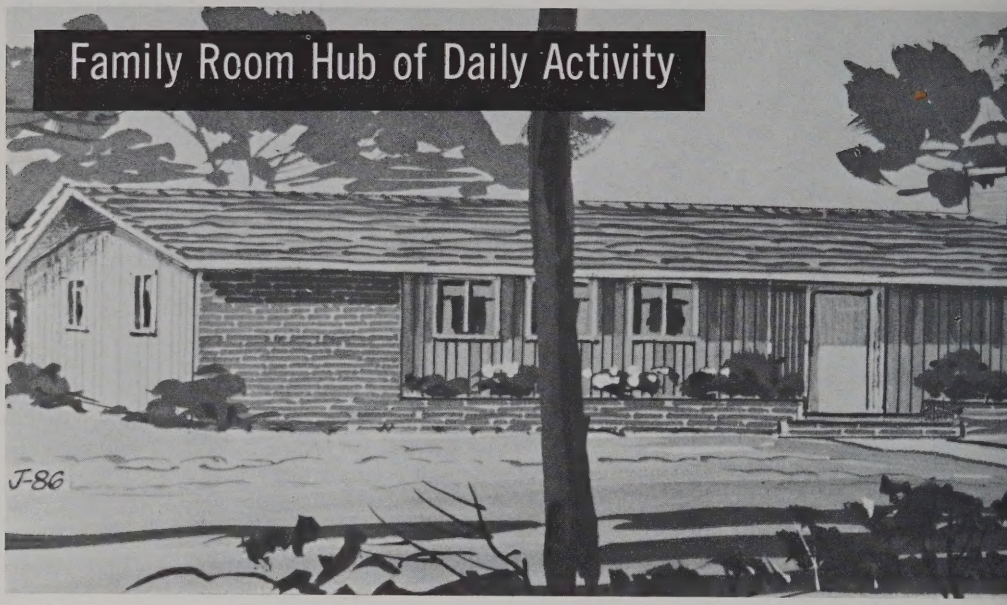
Inside the striking silhouette are a living room with a fireplace, a dining room, a kitchen with a breakfast bar, a family room, three bedrooms, 2½ baths, and an abundance of large closets and storage space.

There are 1561 square feet of living area. The living room-bedroom wing, at the widest point, is 35′9″ wide and 33′6″ deep. The housekeeping wing, at a 45-degree angle, is 54′4″ wide by 27′10″ deep. Because of its shape, this house could, if necessary, be positioned on a 60′ lot.




35'-9"
formal terrace
bar-b-cue
f.p.
living room
13'-4" x 21'-0"
bedroom
10'-4" x 12'-0"
bedroom
10'-2" x 12'-0"
clo.
clo.
clo.
lin.
dec. wall
soundpt. wall
33'-6"
master bedroom
11'-0" x 15'-0"
w.i. clo.
bath
bath
foyer
dining terrace
trellis
play terrace
dining room
11'-9" x 10'-0"
clo.
kitchen
10'-0" x 13'-4"
ref.
dw.
dn.
clo.
54'-4"
9'-0"
indry.
gv.
storage
family room
15'-5" x 10'-0"
tv. hi-fi.
2 car garage
20'-0" x 20'-0"
1 car opt.
opt. loc. 2 car garage door
27'-10"
line of roof overhang

floor plan



J-86

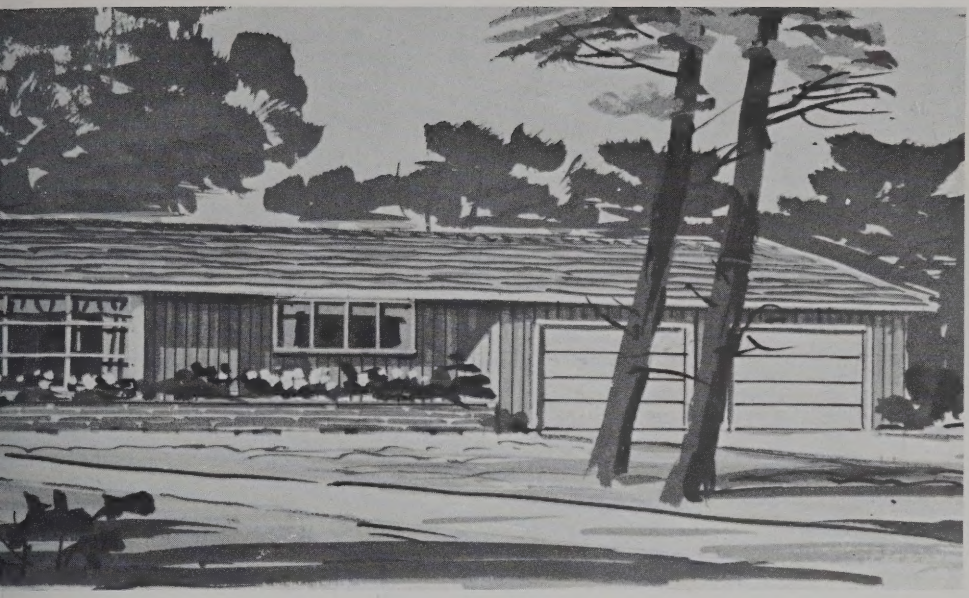
The accent is on informality here, with a well-positioned family room as the hub of activity.

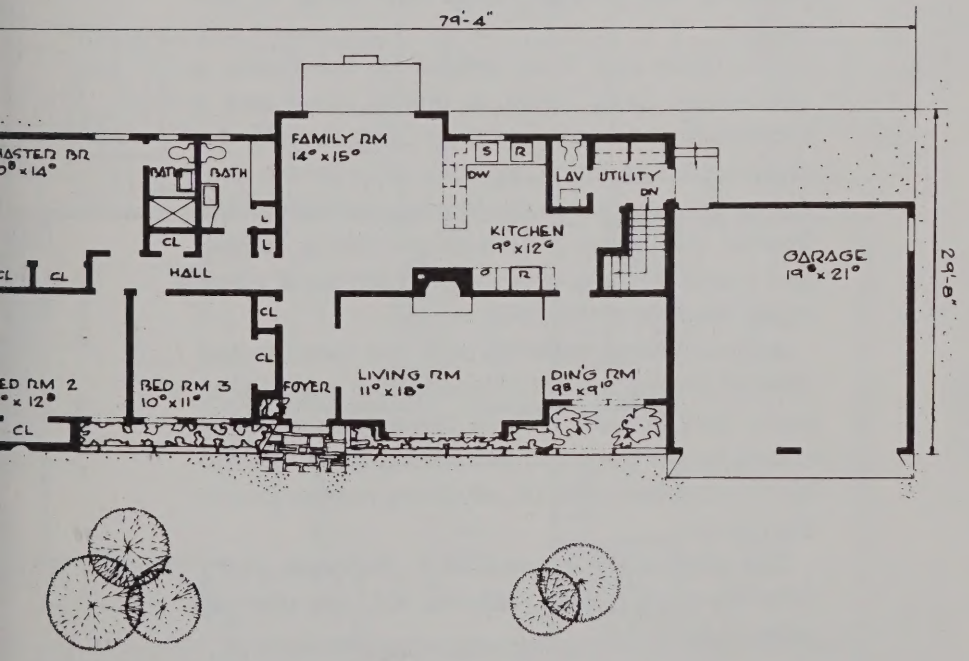
Although at the rear of the house, the 210-square-foot family room is accessible from all its four sides. The bedroom wing is to the left, the kitchen to the right, the foyer in front of it, and the terrace, separated by sliding glass doors, in back of it. An island counter divides the kitchen and the family room; combined, they offer more than 320 square feet for daily activities.

The living room is not neglected. A box bay window overlooking the front yard, and a giant fireplace on the opposite wall, provide excellent opportunities for interesting furniture groupings.

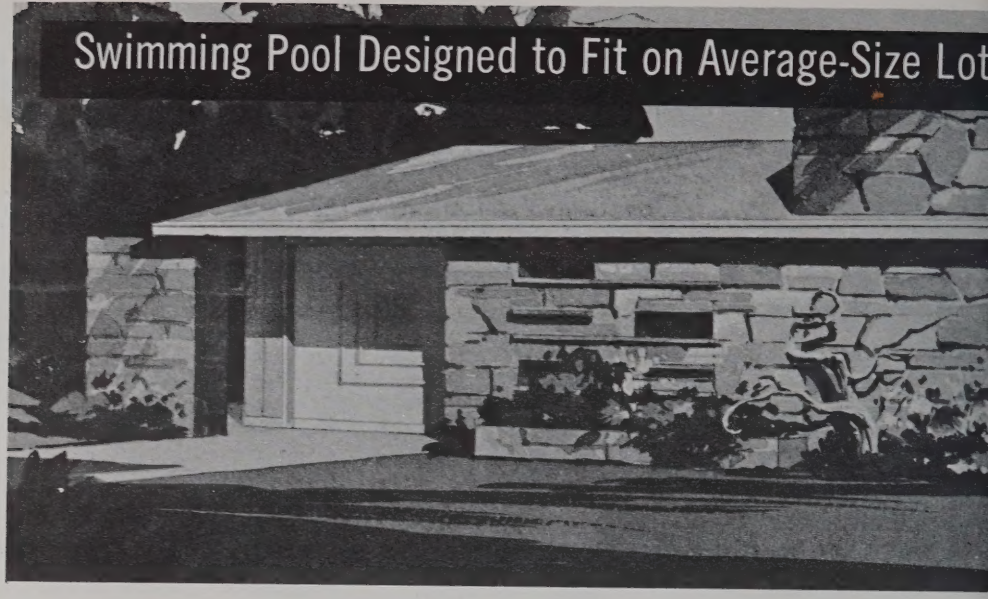
The two bathrooms in the bedroom wing are back-to-back for plumbing economy.

Within the over-all dimensions of 79′4″ by 29′8″, which include the garage, are 1500 square feet of living area, which do not include the garage.




79'-4"
29'-8"
FAMILY RM
14° x 15°
S
R
DW
LAV
UTILITY
DN
KITCHEN
9° x 12°
R
MIR
BATH
CL
CL
CL
CL
HALL
CL
CL
GARAGE
19° x 21°
BED RM 3
10° x 11°
FOYER
LIVING RM
11° x 18°
DINING RM
9'8 x 9'10

Swimming Pool Designed to Fit on Average-Size Lot



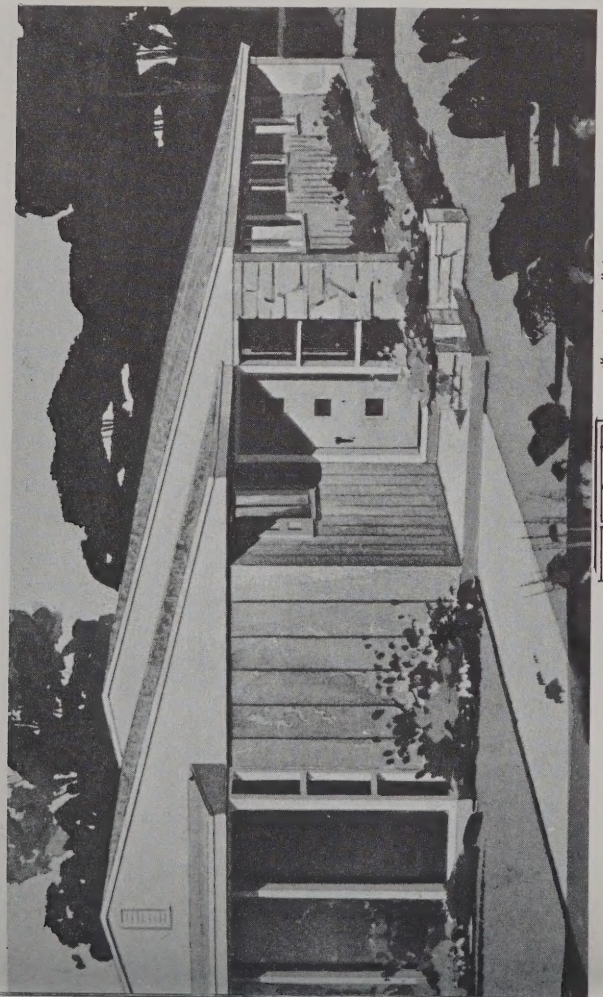
HW-14

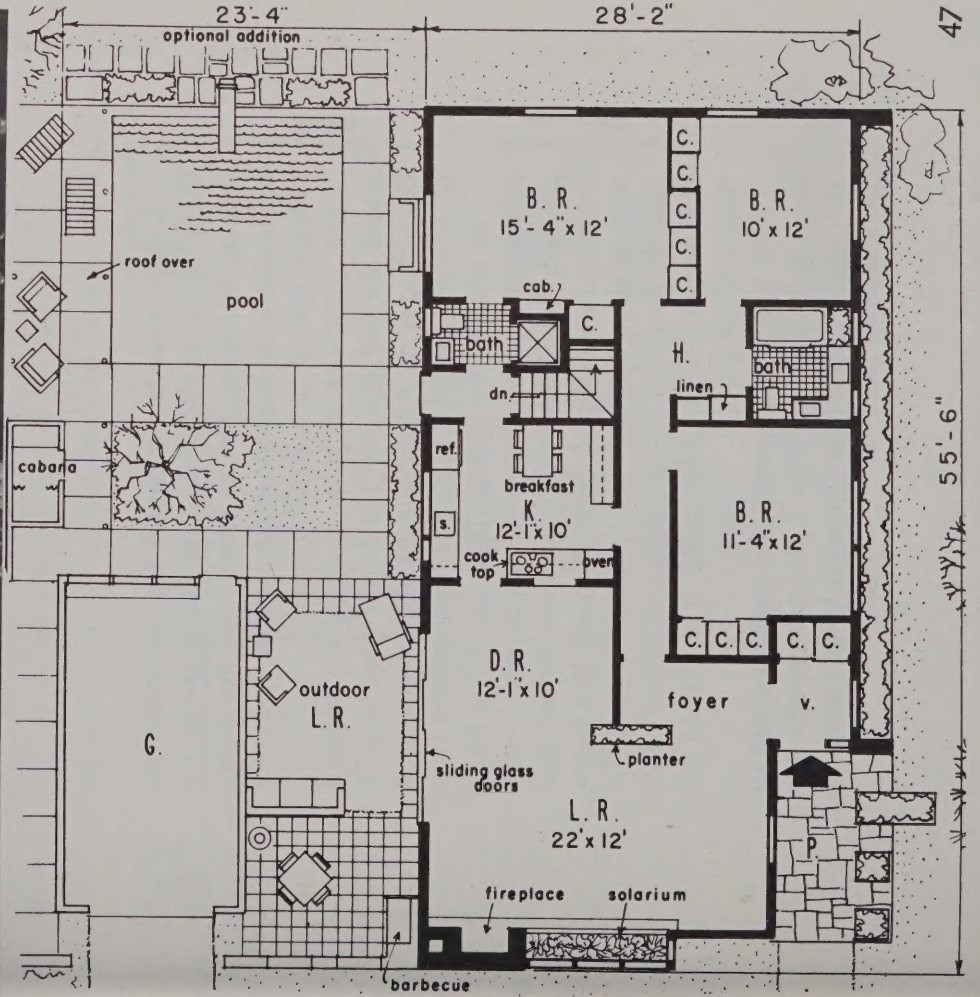
A swimming pool and a three-bedroom house on a 60-foot lot don't seem to add up, but expert planning has brought them into being in this design.

The home has three bedrooms, two baths, a good-sized living room, a dining room and a kitchen. It also has an outdoor living room and a one-car garage which, together, provide the necessary privacy for the pool from passersby at the front of the house. A kind of spectators' gallery and a small cabana with shower bath block views along the side of the pool.

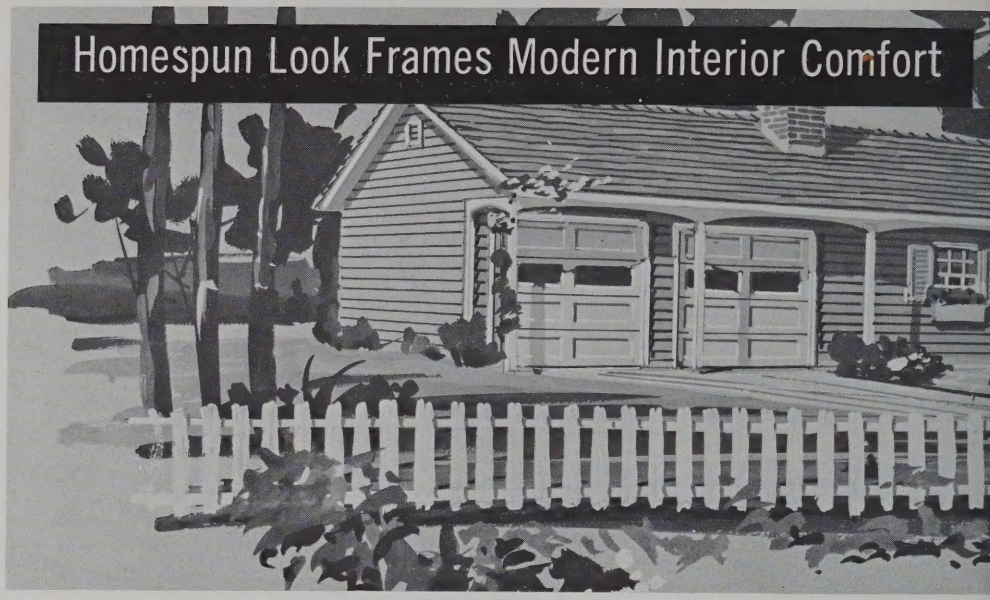
An interesting detail in both the exterior and interior design is a solarium window in the living room. This window, with its stone retainer, lends charm to the front and provides a raised hearth for the fireplace with an adjoining planter box in the house.

The width of the house is 28′2″, the depth 55′6″. With the pool, gallery, cabana, etc., the over-all width is 60′.




23'-4"
optional addition
28'-2"
55'-6"
roof over
pool
cabana
B. R.
15'-4"x 12'
B. R.
10'x 12'
C.
cab.
bath
H.
linen
bath
dn.
ref.
breakfast
K
12'-1"x 10'
s.
cook top
over
B. R.
11'-4"x 12'
D. R.
12'-1"x 10'
foyer
v.
planter
outdoor
L. R.
G.
sliding glass doors
L. R.
22'x 12'
P.
fireplace
solarium
barbecue

Homespun Look Frames Modern Interior Comfort



B-39

American heritage played a big part in the exterior design of this farmhouse ranch, giving it a homespun appeal. But its interior has the stamp of modernity, with all the conveniences the family of today has come to expect.

The front entrance is strategically located where the two wings of the house meet to form protecting arms. A spacious foyer leads to a good functioning layout that covers 1220 square feet.

The ends of the dining room and living room merge into a space nearly 22′ across, which most persons favor, but a folding partition can be used if desired. Running along both rooms is a handsome window wall, with a door going to a partially-covered terrace. The kitchen and family room also are in line close to a rear door and an entrance to the garage.

With a one-car garage, the over-all width of the house is 45′2″. With a two-car garage, it's 10′ longer. Depth is 43′8″ on its longer side, 24′ on its shorter side.

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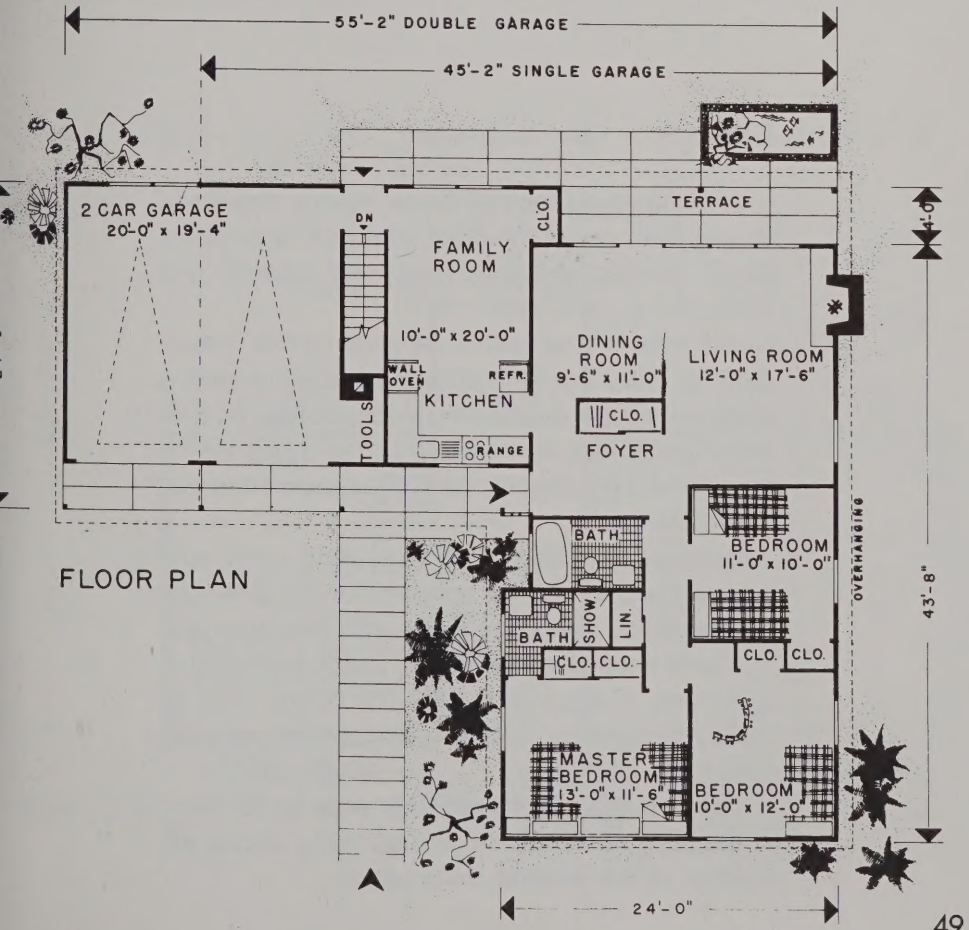
55'-2" DOUBLE GARAGE
45'-2" SINGLE GARAGE
2 CAR GARAGE
20'-0" x 19'-4"
DN
CLO.
TERRACE
FAMILY ROOM
10'-0" x 20'-0"
DINING ROOM
9'-6" x 11'-0"
LIVING ROOM
12'-0" x 17'-6"
WALL OVEN
REFR.
KITCHEN
TOOLS
CLO.
FOYER
RANGE
BATH
BEDROOM
11'-0" x 10'-0"
OVERHANGING
BATH
SHOW
LIN.
CLO.
CLO.
CLO.
CLO.
MASTER BEDROOM
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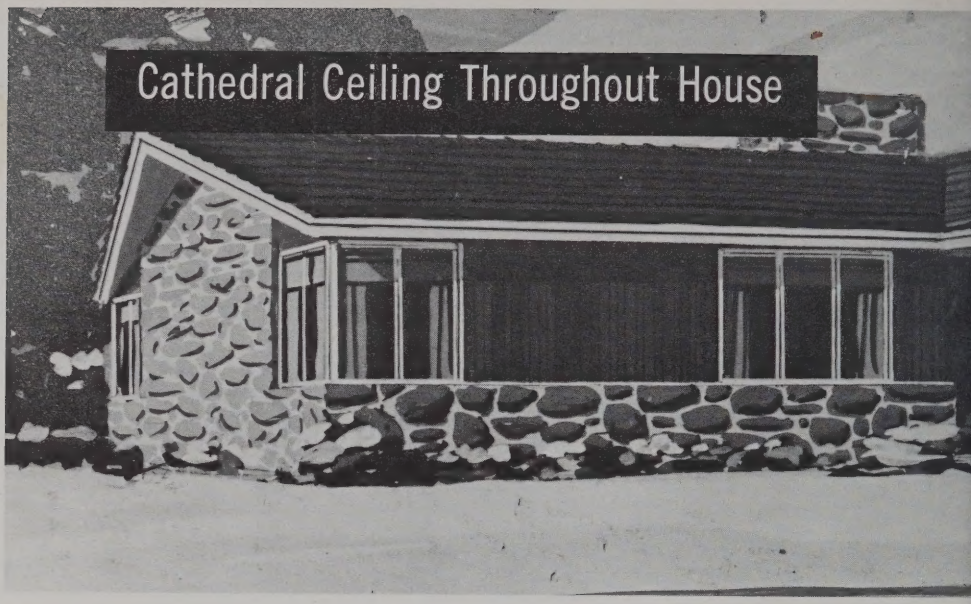
10'-0" x 12'-0"
4'-0"
43'-8"
24'-0"

FLOOR PLAN



B-95

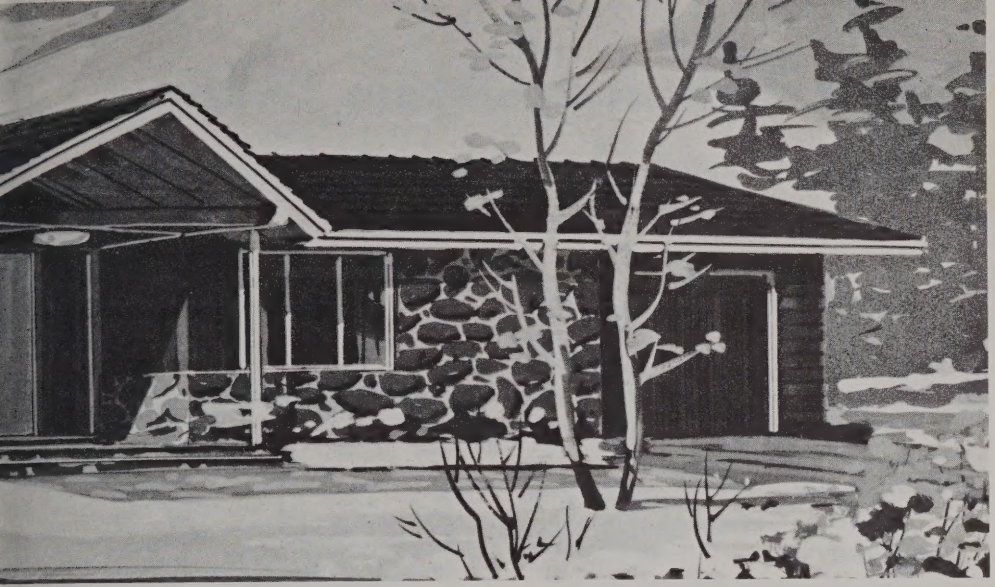
A handsome blend of stone veneer and wood siding, with an intersecting roof line, provides a rustic atmosphere that bespeaks warmth and comfort.

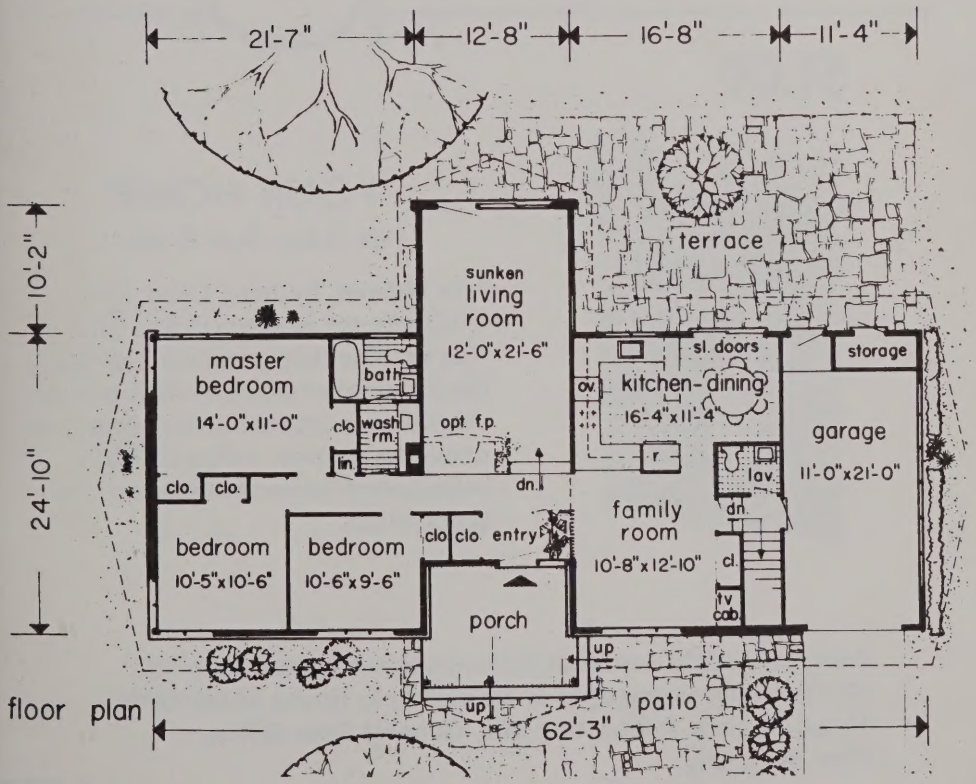
The effect of the front-to-rear roof gable is even more striking inside. It allows a cathedral ceiling to flow through the house unobstructed. To preserve the effect, the closets in the entry, which also serve as a divider, do not extend all the way to the ceiling.

Behind the entry is a sunken living room, with a fireplace marked as optional for those whose desires don't always conform with their budgets.

The U-shaped kitchen, with a sink overlooking a terrace, is separated from the dining area by hanging cabinets and is adjacent to a family room and a lavatory.

Over-all dimensions are 62′3″ wide by 35′ deep, containing 1315 square feet of living space exclusive of the sizable front porch.




21'-7"
12'-8"
16'-8"
11'-4"
10'-2"
24'-10"
master bedroom
14'-0"x11'-0"
bath
clo.
wash rm.
lin.
clo.
clo.
sunken living room
12'-0"x21'-6"
opt. f.p.
dn.
bedroom
10'-5"x10'-6"
bedroom
10'-6"x9'-6"
clo.
clo.
entry
porch
up
up
terrace
sl. doors
ov.
kitchen-dining
16'-4"x11'-4"
r.
family room
10'-8"x12'-10"
storage
garage
11'-0"x21'-0"
lav.
dn.
cl.
tv cab.
patio
62'-3"

floor plan

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